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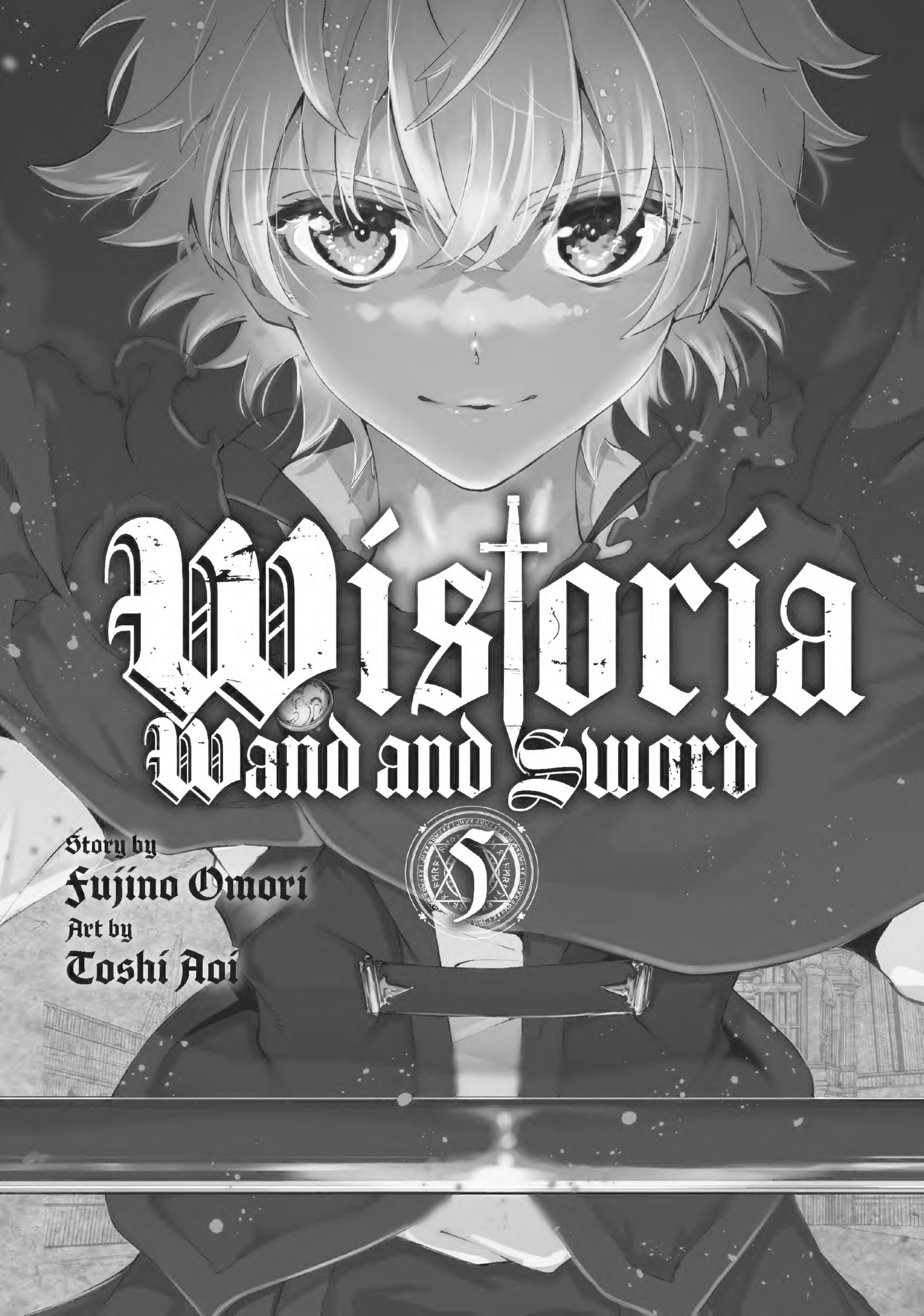
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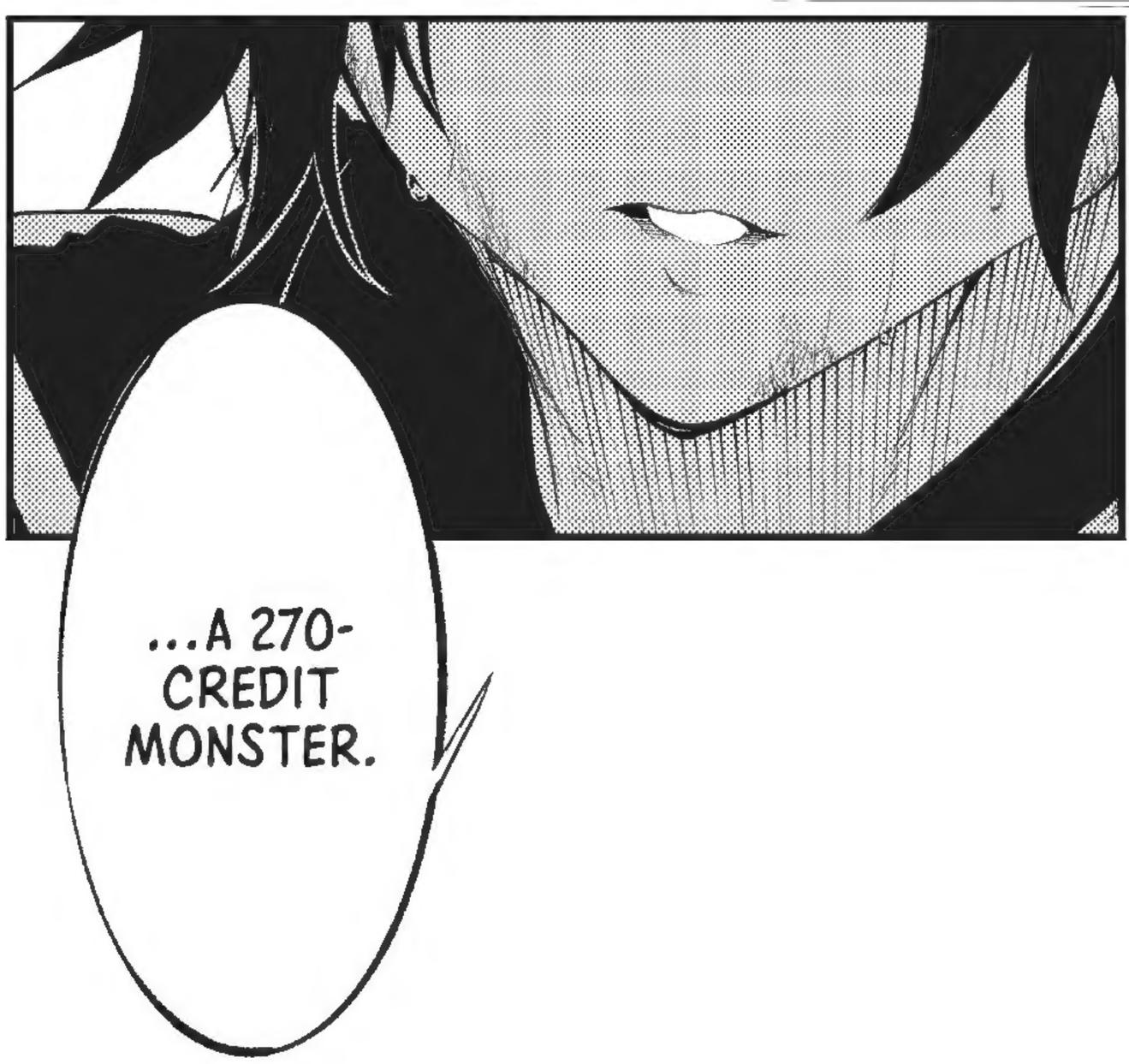
They call it the "1/1000 rule."

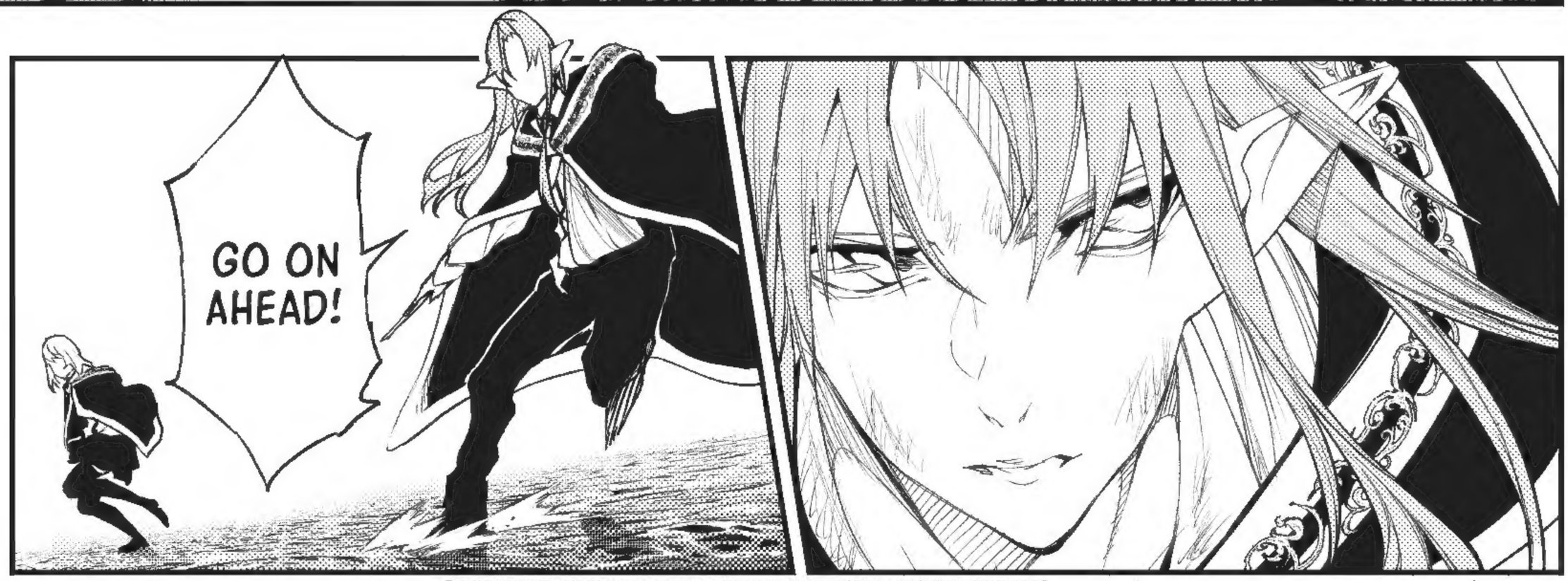


IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU WERE TO CALCULATE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS EARNED FROM A 270-CREDIT MONSTER, IT WOULD COME OUT TO...

IT'S AN EVIL GRAND DUKE!
...270,000 CREDITS.

GET OUT OF THE WAY!
...YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME. HOW CAN IT BE *THAT* STRONG?!

THERE'S STILL A PATH WE CAN USE!
LIHANNA! FALL BACK!
!
RUN!



GROW!

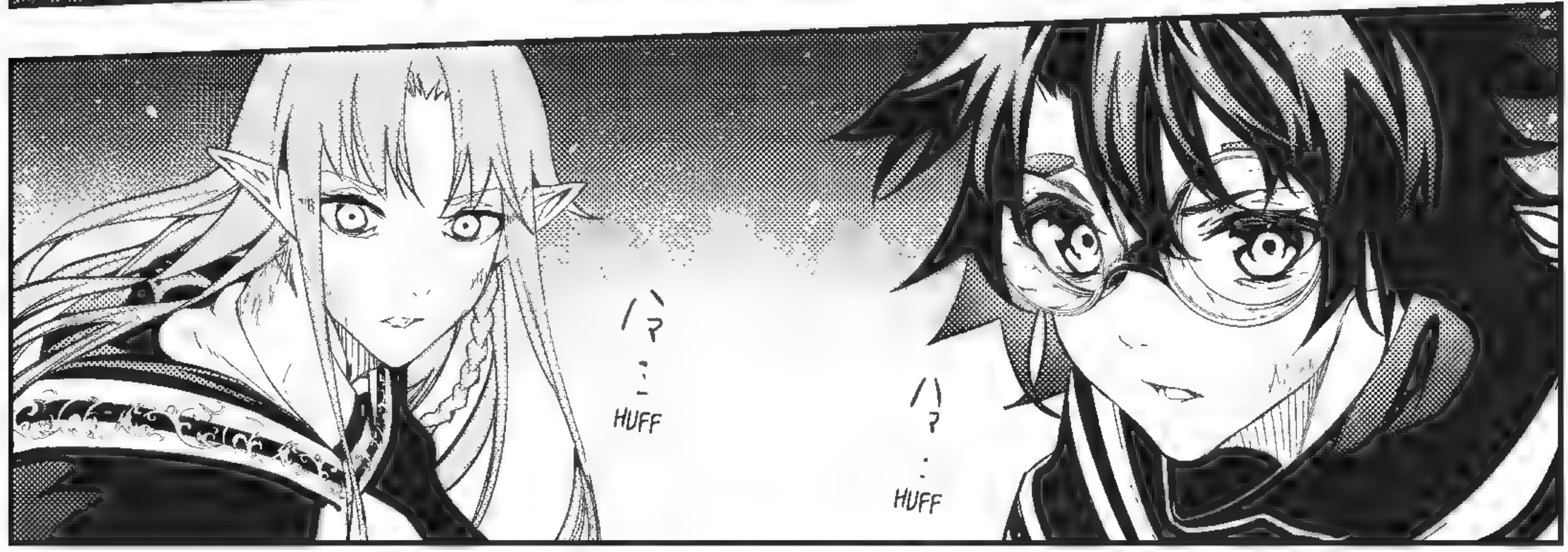
COME FORTH!

HEAR MY CALL!

ALFS RINGHUL!

KRAK
IT TORE THROUGH MY ILLUSION! BUT HOW–

ZSHH
ZSHH


HUFF
HUFF

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! WHAT EVEN *IS* THAT THING?!

THOSE MAGES MUST HAVE BROUGHT IT HERE THROUGH THE GATE...

HUH?! WHAT'S A MONSTER FROM THE 25TH FLOOR DOING ***HERE***?!

IT'S AN EVIL GRAND DUKE. I READ ABOUT THEM IN THE LIBRARY... THEY'RE HIGH-LEVEL DEMONS OF THE ***EVIL*** FAMILY THAT SPAWN ON THE 25TH FLOOR.

...IT'S SEARCHING FOR US.

...DID WE LOSE IT?

NO...

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE EVIL GUARDS AND SENTINELS?!

IS THAT WHY WE RAN INTO A HORDE OF SENTINELS ON THE 11TH FLOOR? BECAUSE THAT DEMON WAS THERE?

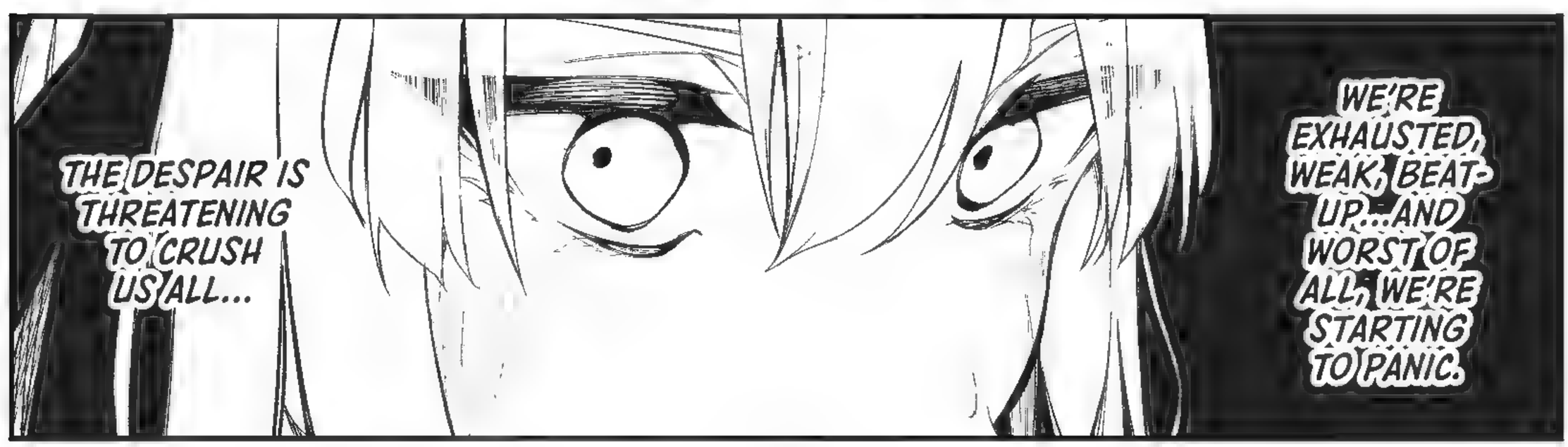
THE GRAND DUKE MUST HAVE ORDERED THEM TO FIND US.

WAIT...

DOES THIS MEAN...

WE'RE SURROUNDED BY MONSTERS, AND WE'RE STUCK ON THIS FLOOR?!

...WE'RE TRAPPED HERE?!



LET'S FIGHT IT.

THAT SHOULD OPEN UP AN ESCAPE ROUTE.

WHEN THERE'S A *BARON*-OR-HIGHER-RANKED LORD PRESENT, EVIL-TYPE MONSTERS FORM A DOMAIN SPANNING MULTIPLE FLOORS.

BUT IF WE DEFEAT THE LORD, WE'LL LEAVE THE ARMY WITHOUT A HEAD...

...IF WE CAN DISRUPT THE SOLDIERS' CHAIN OF COMMAND, THE SCHOOL'S RESCUE TEAM CAN REACH US FASTER... IS THAT RIGHT?

SO SINCE THEY USED A GATE TO SUMMON AN ENEMY BOSS TO THIS FLOOR...

NOD

YOU THINK THE SIX OF *US* CAN BEAT THAT MONSTER?!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND, NO-TALENT?!

THUN

DAMN RIGHT YOU CAN'T FORCE ME! LIKE ANYONE WOULD GO ALONG WITH *YOUR* PLAN!

BUT I CAN'T FORCE YOU TO HELP... AFTER ALL, I CAN'T USE MAGIC...

...I HAVE A PLAN.

I WOULD.

HIS WISDOM AND SELF-SACRIFICE SAVED MY LIFE MORE THAN ONCE. I'M WILLING TO TRUST IN HIM AGAIN.

GRK

HMPH.

IF WE TRY TO RUN, THEY'LL JUST TRACK US DOWN AND CORNER US. WE MAY AS WELL STAND AND FIGHT.

...THAT'S JUST LOGIC! IT'S NOT BECAUSE THE FLUNKEE SAID IT!

ME, TOO!

WILL KNOWS MORE ABOUT THE DUNGEON THAN ANY-BODY!

YOU, TOO, SION? GUYS...

LIHANNA.

I LET HIM TOUCH ME.

THAT MAKES HIM AN ELF-FRIEND. I'D LIKE YOU TO TRUST HIM.

...IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN WRONG ABOUT YOU FROM THE START.

I BROUGHT YOU TO BE OUR SHIELD, BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUR LEADER.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO STILL HAS HOPE IN YOUR EYES.

TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO DO. WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.

SER-FORT...

NO... WILL.

...ALL RIGHT.

THEN LET'S MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALIVE!

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MROW!

YOU'RE RIGHT, JULIUS. MY PLAN WON'T BE ENOUGH TO GET US THROUGH THIS.

!

HE'S A NO-TALENT! YOU THINK HIS PLAN IS GOING TO SAVE US?!

ARE YOU *LISTENING* TO YOURSELVES?!

ZOOM

YOU'RE THE KEY. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

WH-WHAT?

I'LL TEACH YOU A TRICK TO ONE OF ELFIE'S SPELLS.

!

PHEW
CAGE OF FROZEN EARTH.
HAIL THAT RENDS THE SKIES.

THE FLEETING MOMENT FADES.
FAR INTO ETERNITY.
ALL WITHIN SUSPENDED STILLNESS.
AN ICY BLUE MELODY.
A HARP OF TEARS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ELFIE'S ARS WEISS CLONES CAN TAKE OVER INCANTATIONS.
YEAH.
A TRICK TO ONE OF HER SPELLS?!
NORMALLY, IF AN INCANTATION GETS INTERRUPTED, THE SPELL WON'T ACTIVATE.
BUT...

...WITH ELFIE'S **ARS WEISS** CLONES, YOU CAN KEEP THE INCANTATION GOING.

I AM THE GUARDIAN!
KEEPER OF THE TOMB OF NARCIA!
LOW-LEVEL SPELLS ARE FINE... JUST KEEP FIRING TO SLOW THE ENEMY DOWN!
BACK HIM UP, EVERYONE!
WIG-NALL!
SION!
CO-LETTE!

VERDES LANA!
IGNIS ROOKS!
FRUBAS JULIER!

IT'S JUST LIKE WILL SAID! IT HAS *IRON CURTAIN WINGS!*
DAMN IT!
WE DIDN'T EVEN GRAZE IT!

IF WHAT I READ IN THE LIBRARY IS CORRECT, THE GRAND DUKE'S WINGS ARE LIKE IRON CURTAINS! OUR SPELLS WON'T BE ENOUGH TO GET THROUGH THEM....!
FWIP
L...

THAT'S OKAY... WE'RE ONLY DECOYS. WE JUST HAVE TO DISTRACT THE ENEMY UNTIL JULIUS STARTS HIS BARRAGE!

HUFF

HUFF

BOOM

CLANG

FORGE THE BLUE-STEEL COFFIN!

ARMENTA AULISCAS!
BE A GARDEN IN THE FROZEN WASTES!

BOOOM
BOOOM
HUFF
HUFF
HHSZ!

AND IT BLOCKED IT...
THAT WAS AN ICE MAGIC BARRAGE! JULIUS'S SECRET WEAPON!
IT MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO BLOCK JULIUS'S STRONGEST SPELL.
WE'RE FIGHTING AGAINST A 270-CREDIT MONSTER.

HUFF
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HUFF
SO TO FINISH IT OFF...
LIHANNA!
OWEN SIQUE...
...LISOLDE DUA!

ALGIZ!
EVEN IF IT DOES FEND OFF THE BARRAGE, ALL THAT ICE WILL WEIGH DOWN ITS WINGS!
LIHANNA CAN USE HER HIGH-SPEED MANEUVERING TO WEAVE THROUGH ITS ATTACKS...

AAAAHHHHHH!
...AND MAKE STRAIGHT FOR ITS HEART!

BZZZZZT
DID THOSE MAGES DRAW A SPELL CIRCLE EARLIER?
NOT A REMOTE CIRCLE?! THAT MONSTER HAS AN AUTOMATIC DEFENSE SPELL AROUND IT?!
...A BARRIER?!

LIHANNA!
GRA
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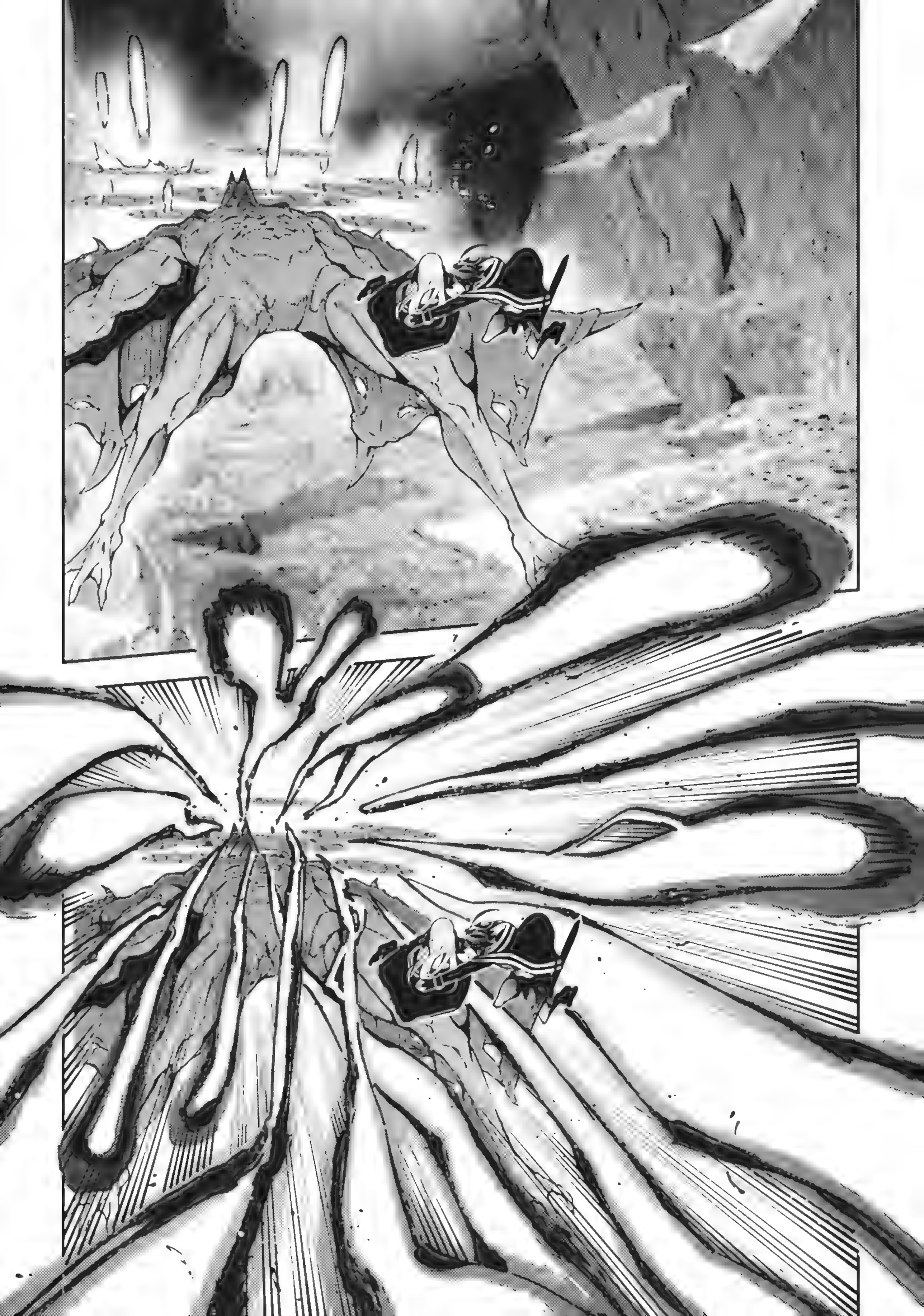
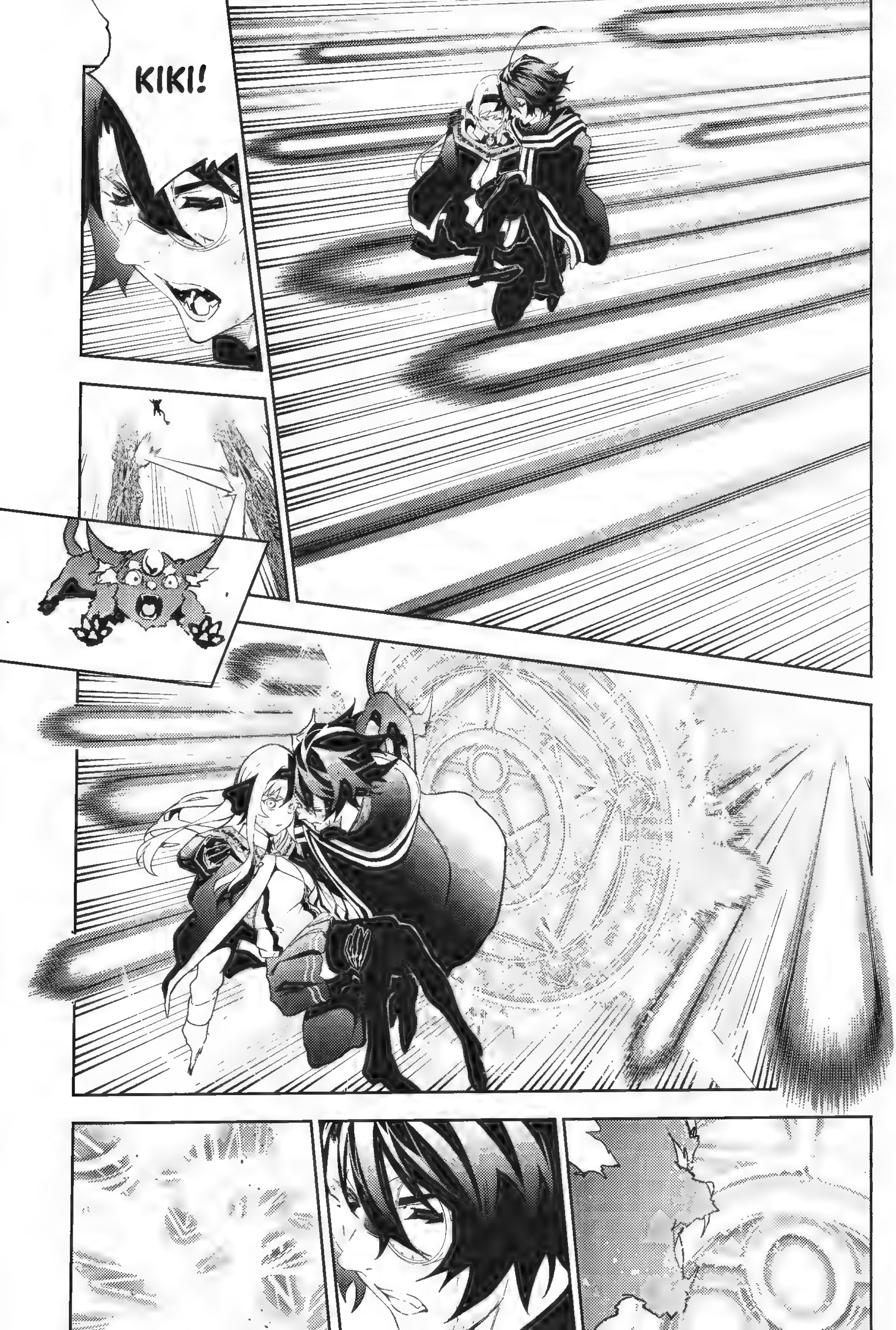
AA
AH




KIKI!

WHAM

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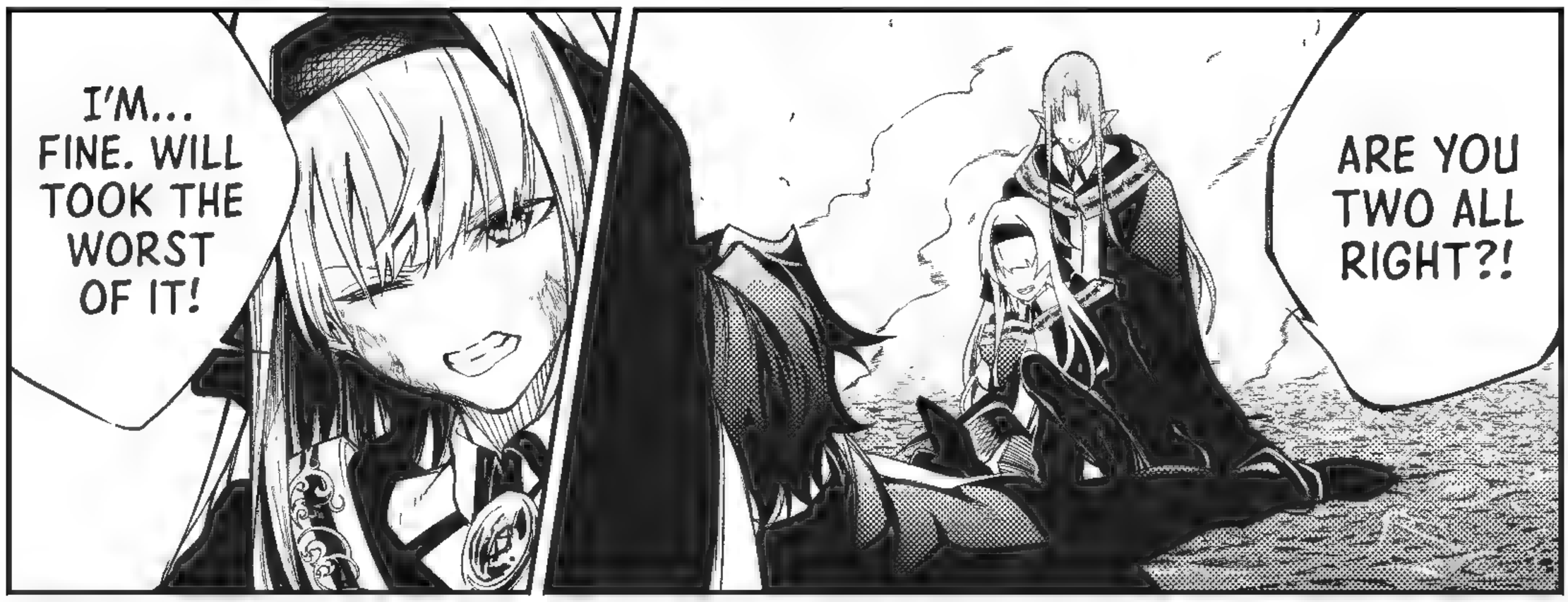
WILL!

LIHANNA!

FLOAT

MELL-VENT!


I'M... FINE. WILL TOOK THE WORST OF IT!
ARE YOU TWO ALL RIGHT?!

WILL!
WILL...

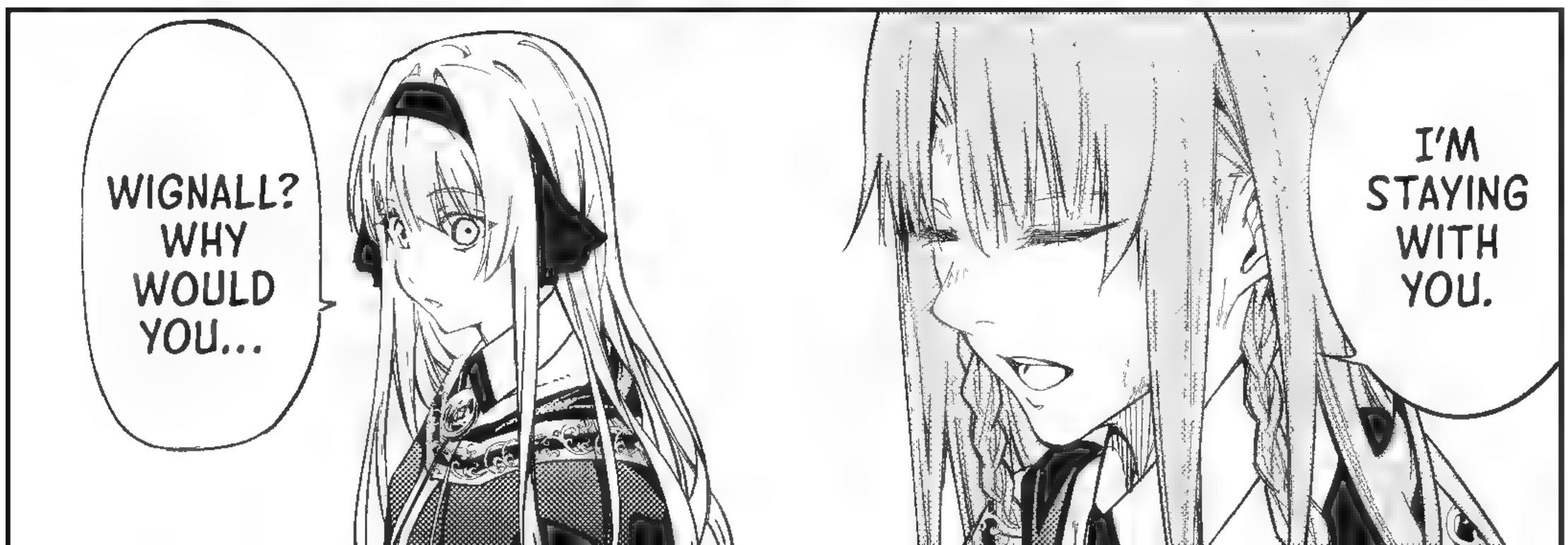
KA-
KRAK

IT'S GETTING READY TO ATTACK AGAIN!
MY ICE... THAT THING SMASHED RIGHT THROUGH IT...
ALL OF YOU. TAKE WILL AND RUN.
!
FALL BACK.
!
!

I *WILL* BRING IT DOWN... EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE.

I'LL KEEP IT BUSY UNTIL THE REST OF YOU ESCAPE.

IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE KNIGHTS... AND KNIGHTS ARE THERE TO SHIELD THEIR ALLIES.



LIHANNA... I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE, BUT I FOUND ANOTHER HUMAN—ANOTHER *LYZANCE*—THAT I CAN RESPECT.

ROO

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OAR

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SO... WHAT ARE *WE* GONNA DO?
LIHANNA! WIGNALL!
ALL WE CAN DO IS RUN.

WIGNALL...

...AND LIHANNA...

...ARE GOING TO DIE...

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH LEAVING THEM HERE AND SAVING OURSELVES!

GULP

HUFF

HUFF

IF WE DON'T WANT THEIR DEATHS TO BE FOR NOTHING... THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS SAVE OURSELVES!

THERE'S NO SHAME IN THAT! HOW COULD THERE BE?!

GASP

SION...

CRUNCH

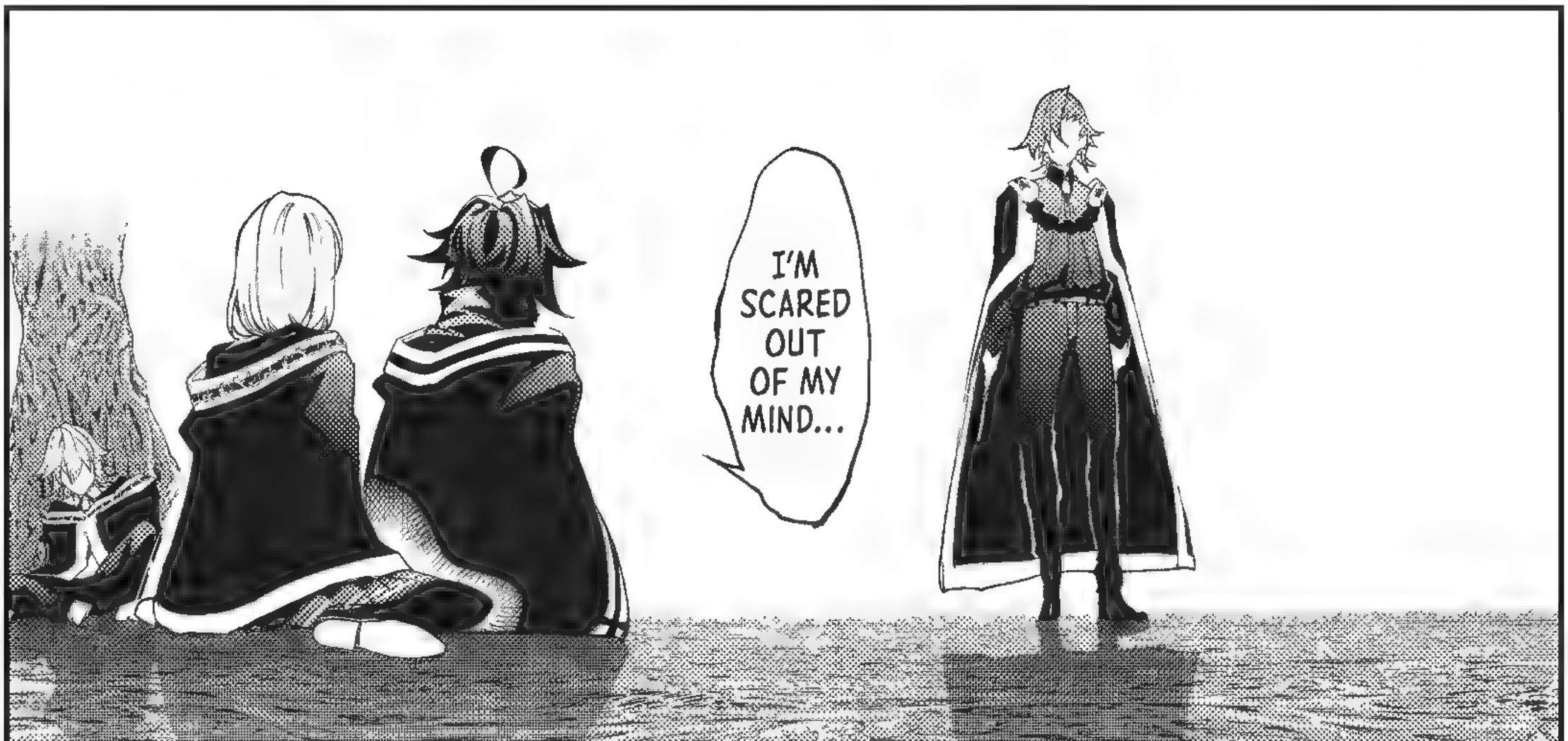
WOULD YOU...

...HIT ME?

...WHAT?

THEY'RE BROKEN... ELFIE'S GOGGLES ARE BROKEN...
I CAN'T STOP SHAKING...

I CAN'T KEEP GOING... WE PROMISED THAT... WITHOUT THOSE GOGGLES, I...


I'M SCARED OUT OF MY MIND...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GAVE US ALL HOPE!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GOT US ALL WORKED UP!
WHAT'RE YOU...
TO HELL WITH THAT!

THUD

KA-THUD

AND YOU HAVE THE *NERVE* TO SAY YOU'RE SCARED?!

LIHANNA AND WIGNALL ARE BOTH ABOUT TO DIE!

THUD

WHAM

SION! STOP IT!

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING US HERE TO DIE!

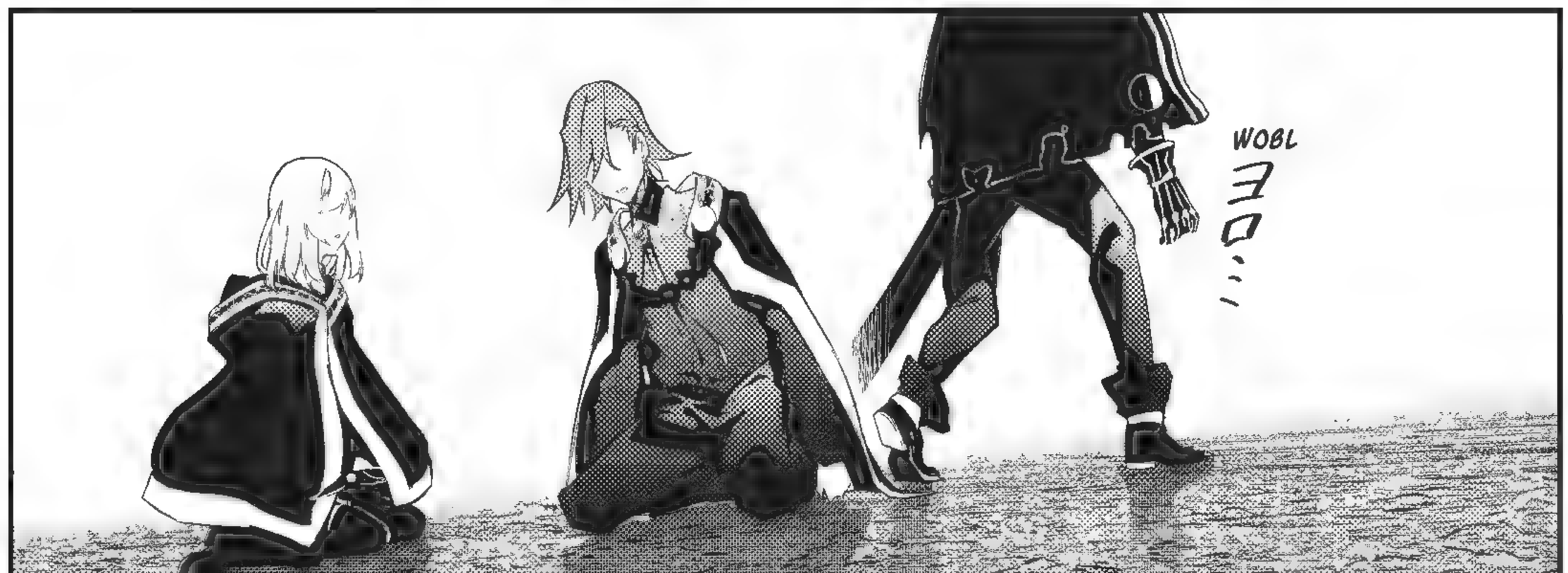
THIS IS ON *YOU!*

IT'S YOUR FAULT...
...THAT I...
...THAT WE...!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

GRIP
...THANKS, SION.

I'M NOT SHAKING ANYMORE.


WOBL

COLETTE, TAKE CARE OF KIKI!
CLANK
DASH
TMP
TMP
TMP

HE JUST RAN IN THERE! *SCARED*, MY ASS!

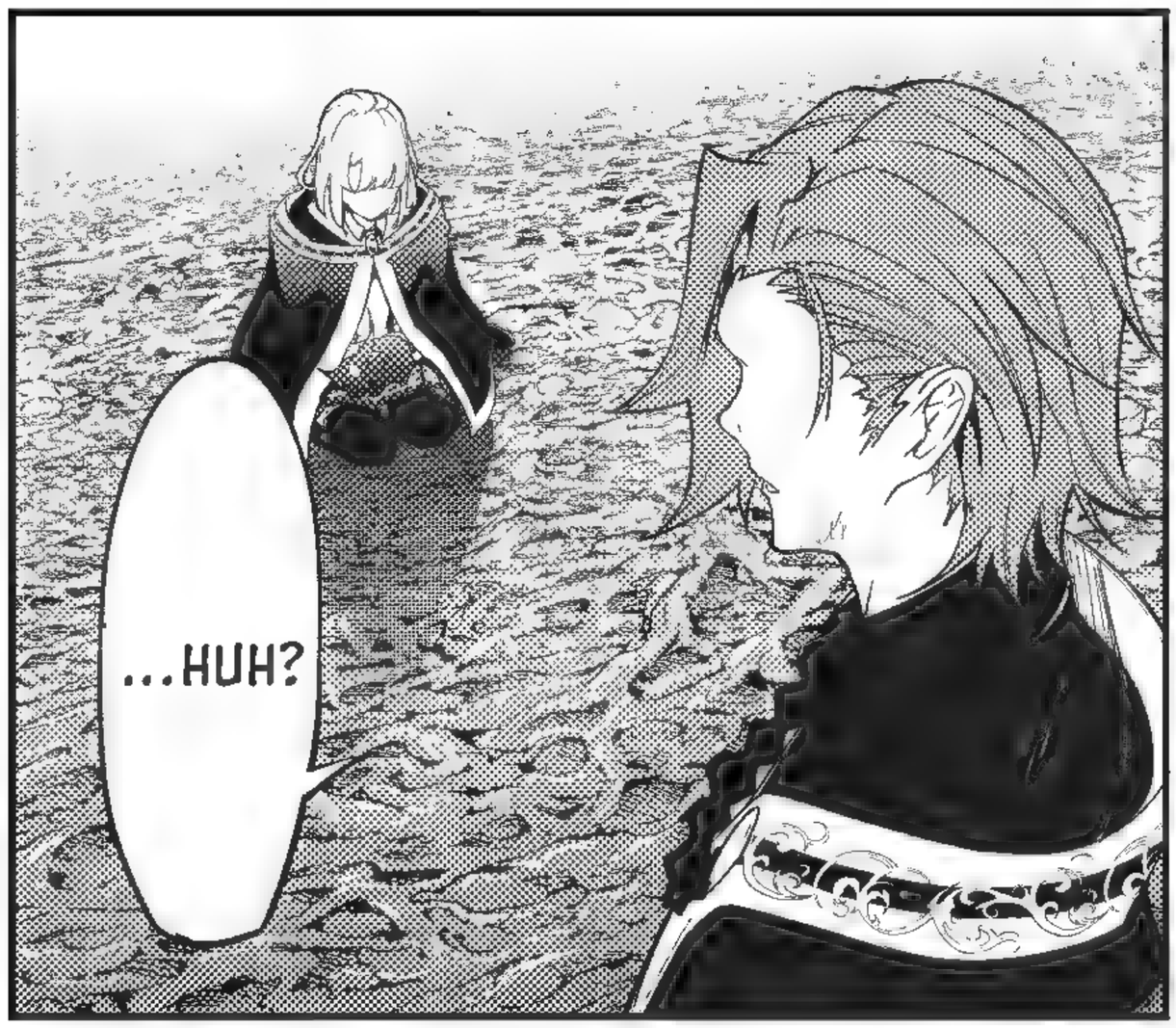
...WHAT'S *WITH* THAT GUY?

HE IS NOW...AND HE ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

HE *IS* SCARED.

YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT HE–

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


...HUH?

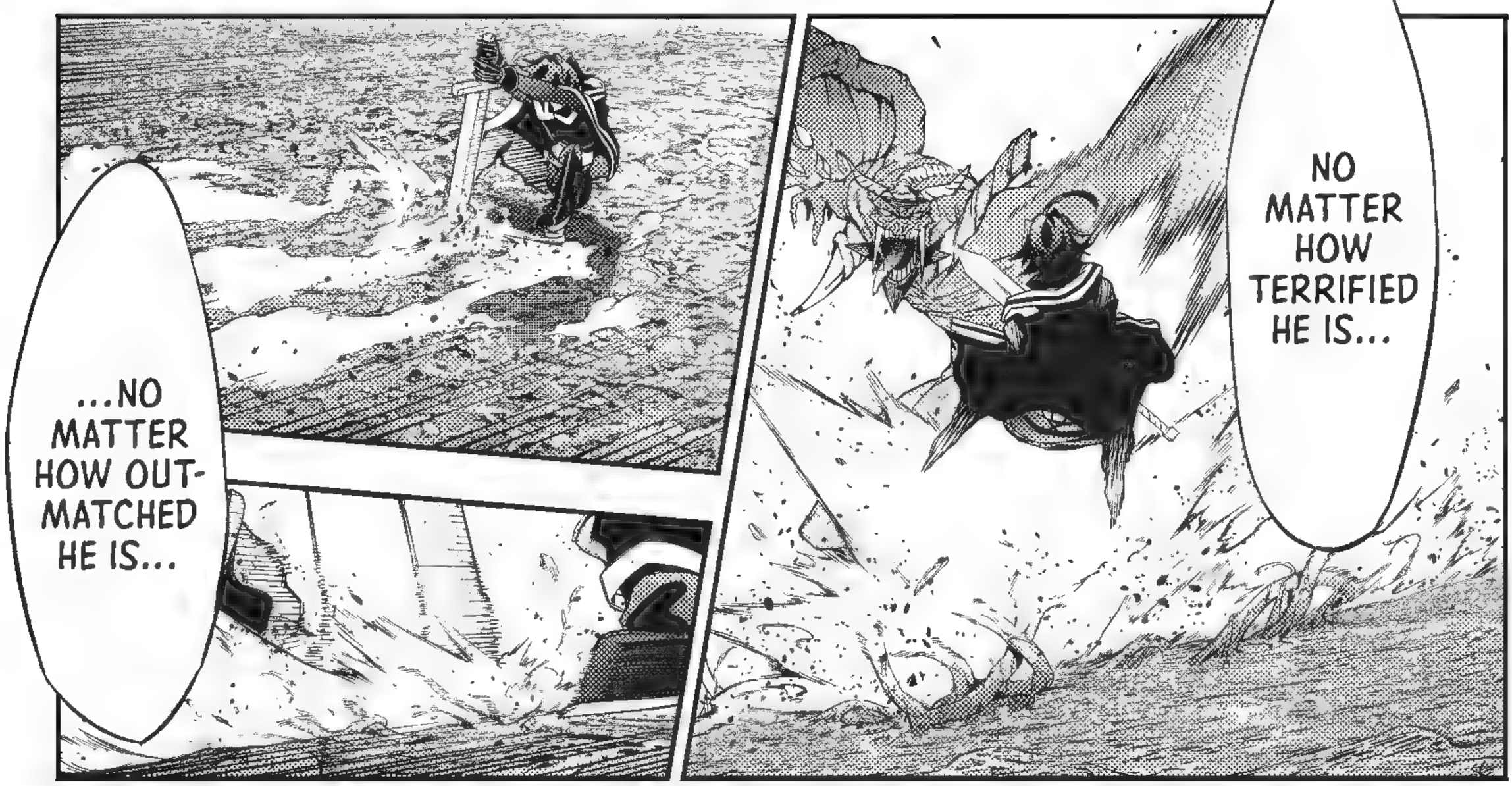
HAVE YOU EVER HELD A SWORD?

WANDS CAN FIRE OFF SPELLS FROM A DISTANCE.

YOU HAVE TO GET RIGHT UP CLOSE TO ENEMIES THAT ARE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN YOU ARE!
BUT SWORDS CAN'T!

HAVE YOU EVER EVEN IMAGINED HOW TERRIFYING THAT MUST BE?!

WILL'S A COWARD...

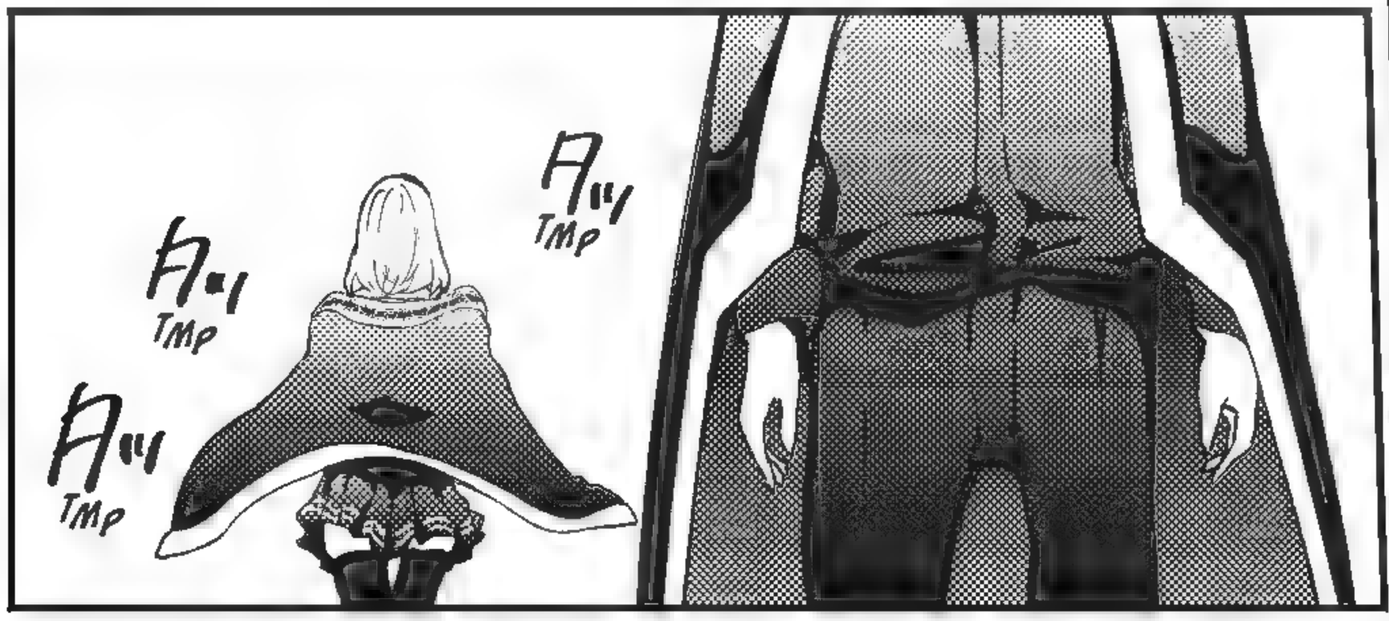

...NO MATTER HOW OUT-MATCHED HE IS...
NO MATTER HOW TERRIFIED HE IS...

...HE'S STILL JUST A COWARD...
...WHO'S SCARED OF RUNNING AWAY.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT?

THAT'S WHAT WE CALL COURAGE!

I'M GOING TO FIGHT, TOO!



YOU HAVE...

...GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

MY ATTACKS ARE BARELY CONNECTING TO BEGIN WITH... IT MOVES SO FAST FOR A MONSTER THAT SIZE!
ITS DEFENSE IS IMPENETRABLE!
IF WE'RE GOING TO DEFEAT THE GRAND DUKE, WE'LL NEED TO CUT OFF ITS WINGS AND BRING IT TO THE GROUND!
ALL BECAUSE OF THOSE WINGS... THEY GIVE IT PROTECTION AND MOBILITY AT THE SAME TIME!

COLETTE!
PEBBLE SHOT!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO THIS WITHOUT THEM!
LIHANNA AND WIGNALL ARE OUT OF COMMISSION!
ZSH
ZSH

ROO
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OO
OO
OAR
I'M SO TERRIFIED, I CAN BARELY MOVE!
MY GOGGLES ARE GONE! THEY WERE MY ONLY ARMOR!
I'M SCARED!

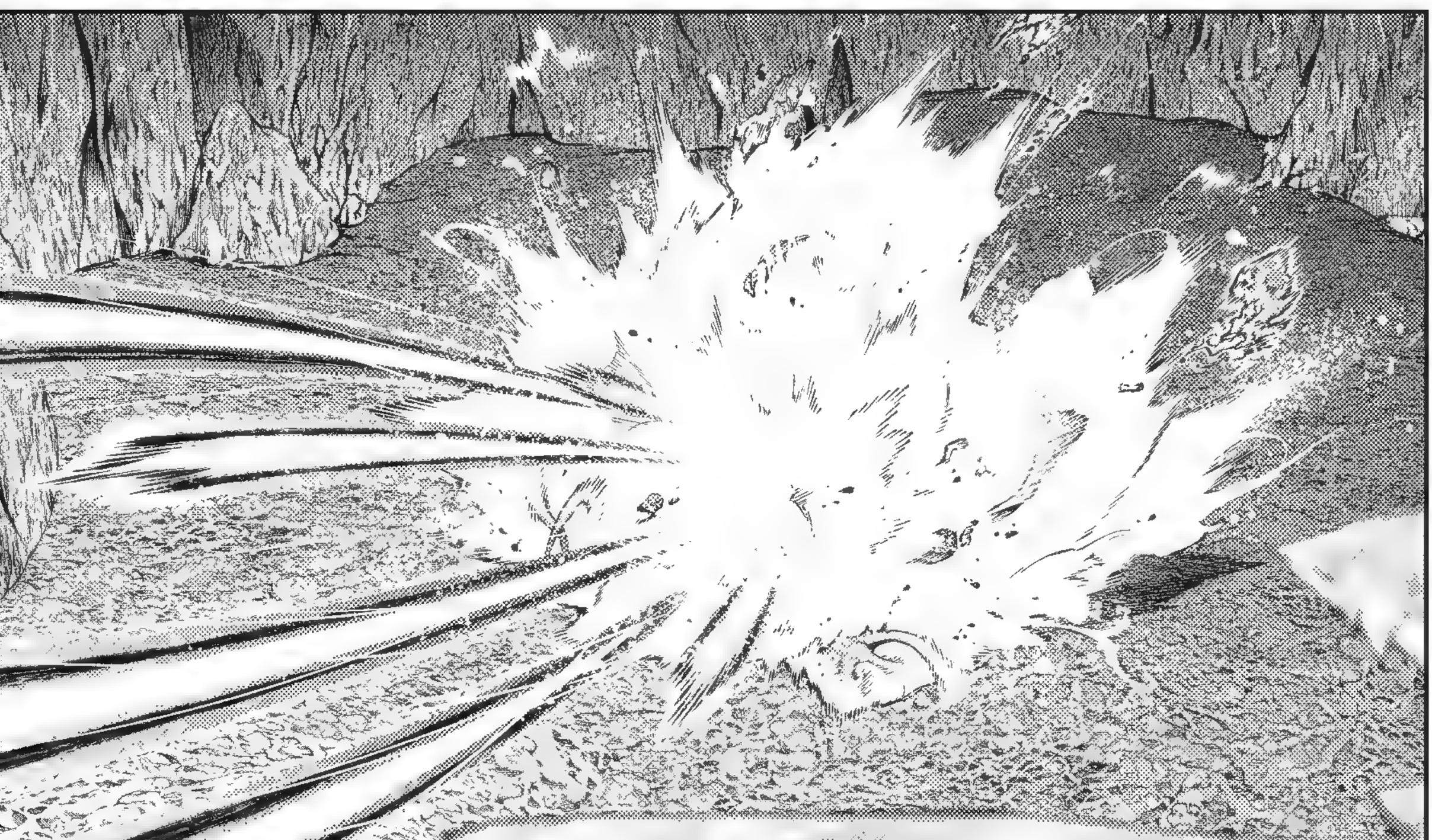
BU.T!
I'M MORE SCARED OF LOSING ONE OF MY FRIENDS!

COLETTE!
!

KIKI CAN'T HELP ME THIS TIME. IF IT HITS ME DIRECTLY, I'M DEAD. I GET ONE CHANCE...

...YOU'VE ALREADY USED THAT ATTACK!
BUT...

I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE!



HE...
WILL!

ROAR, O CLIFFS OF IRON!

REND, O TEETH OF THE RAVINE!

GRK

BZZ

ZZT

...EVERYTHING I HAVE!

I'LL GIVE WILL...

...GOLTERRE!
LOIRE SIQUE...

AAAH?!
HNGH?!

TOO FAR
WHOO
OOSH

!
O EMBERS!
!
LAST REMNANTS OF THE DEAD CITY!
!
FWOOOSH
!
!
SION?!

I BID THEE REMEM-BER...
...THE RUINOUS FLAMES DANCING UPON THE BLACKENED EARTH!
I BID THEE RECALL...
...THE SEARING FLAMES THAT REDUCED THEE TO ASHES!
...AND LET IT CONSUME MY FOE!
NOW, TAKE THY BURNING GRIEF FOR A BYGONE HOME...
BOOM

HE USED HIS GUARDIAN AS A SHIELD SO HE COULD CHARGE THE ENEMY?!
IF YOU CAN DO IT, SO CAN I!

IFLAMME BURDELYON!

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FWOOOM
IFLAMME BURDELYON!

SION!
KA-
THUN

ROO
OO
OO
OAR
NO... EVEN THAT DIDN'T KILL IT?!
SION HIT IT WITH AN ADVANCED SPELL AT POINT-BLANK RANGE, AND IT STILL...!
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER...

...A WAND ISN'T ENOUGH.
...A SWORD WON'T WIN THIS!
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO...

7 DING

REMEMBER, WILL.

BA-

IT'S WAND...

...AND SWORD.

THMP

ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH

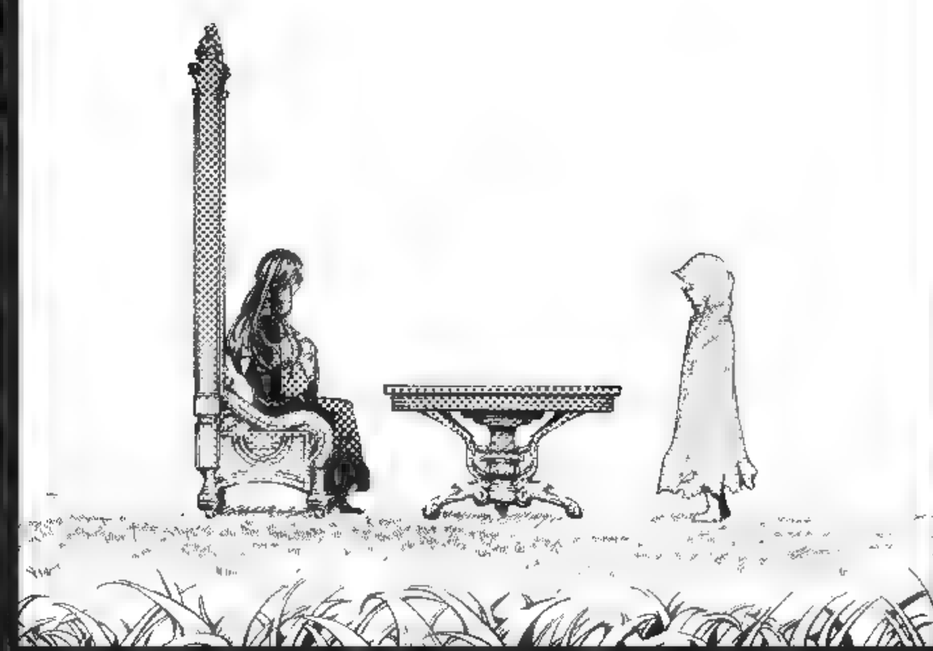
MUST YOU KEEP ASKING?

I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.

THIS IS ALL TO PROTECT OUR WORLD...

I PRAY THAT ONE DAY, WAND AND SWORD WILL JOIN AS ONE.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, [redacted]?



HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WAND...
...AND SWORD.

SION!
CAST A SPELL!
WE NEED TO COMBINE WAND AND SWORD!

IGNIS ROOKS!

FWOO
OO
OO
OO
OOM
THAT'S...
SIZZ
IT CAN'T BE...

MAGEBLADE: WIS...
FLUNKEE... YOU...
WHAT THE...
HIS SWORD IS COVERED IN FLAMES... IS IT AN EN-CHANTMENT? NO... THIS IS DIFFERENT!
IT *ATE* THE SPELL?!

MY VISION'S TURNING RED...
I FEEL A SURGE OF POWER.

IT WAS LIKE BEING SWEPT UP IN A RUSHING TORRENT OF ENERGY.
WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT, I FOUND MYSELF MURMURING THE WORDS OF THE SPELL.

FULLY CHARGED.
IGNIS WIS!

WHAT DID I JUST DO...?
MY SWORD IS BACK TO NORMAL...?
THE POWER IS LEAVING ME...
WILL!
YOU BEAT THE GRAND DUKE!

ROO
OO
OO
OO
OAR
?!

A HORDE OF EVIL SENTINELS?!

B...BUT WILL AND SION WORKED SO HARD TO BEAT IT...

OH, NO! THEY MUST HAVE COME RUNNING WHEN THEY HEARD THEIR LORD DYING!

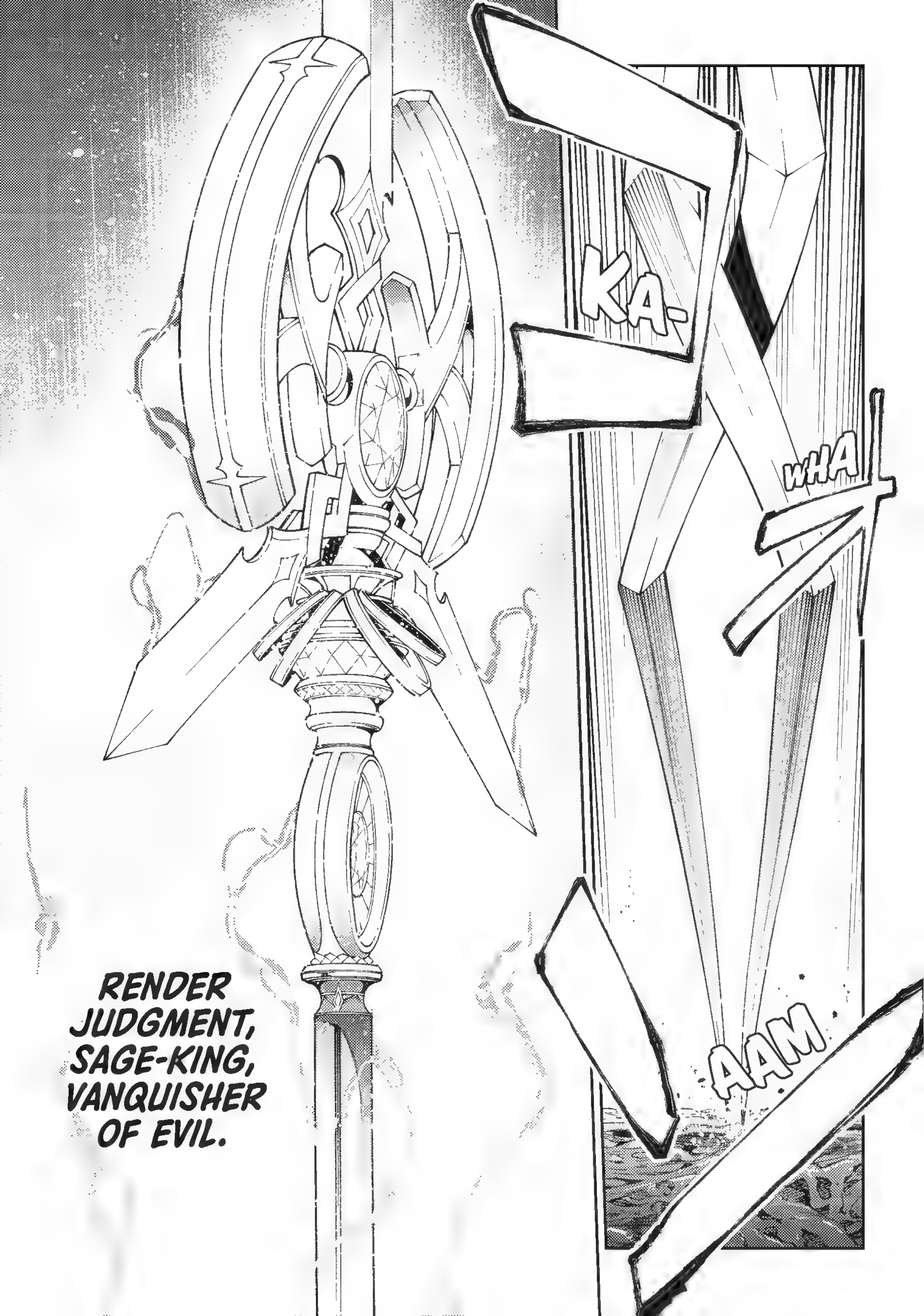
NONE OF US HAS ANY STRENGTH LEFT TO FIGHT!

DAMN IT!

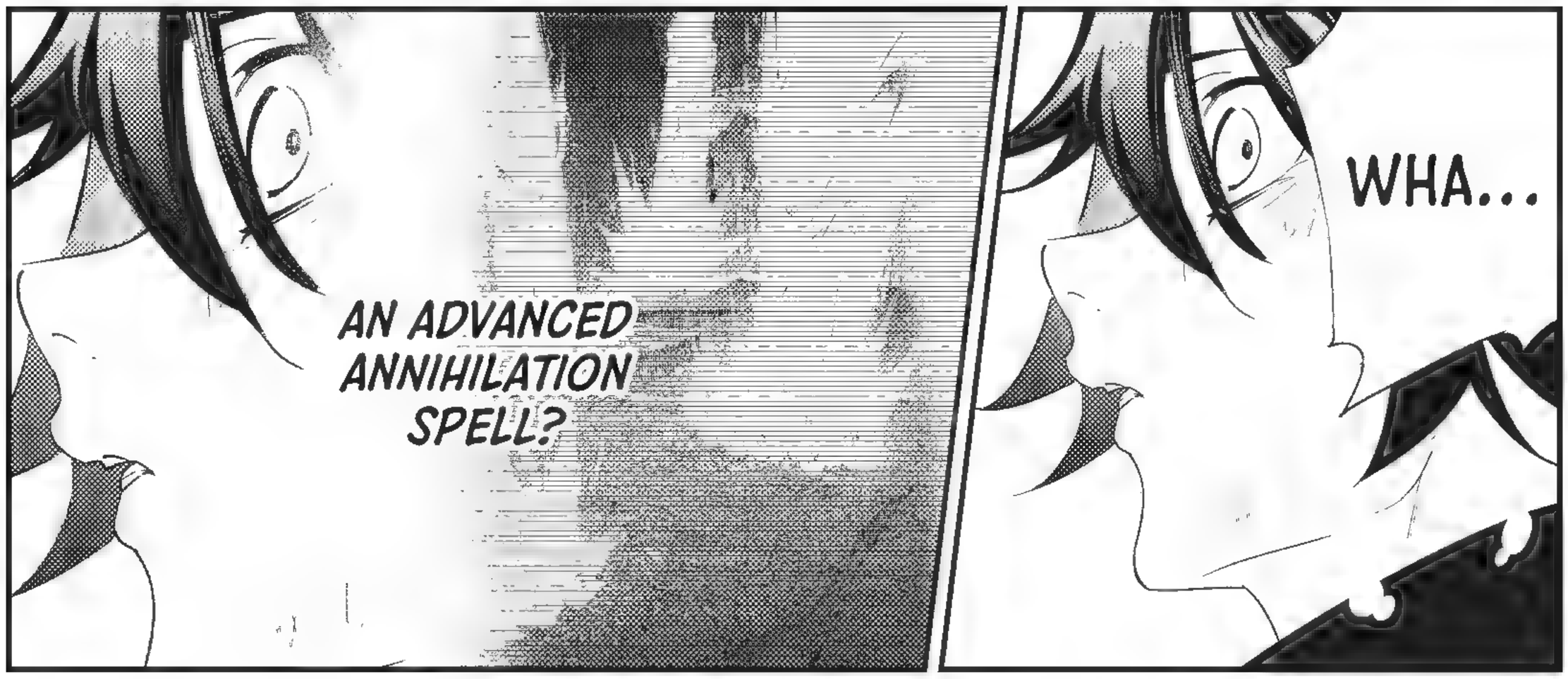
GO FASTER, WORK-NER!

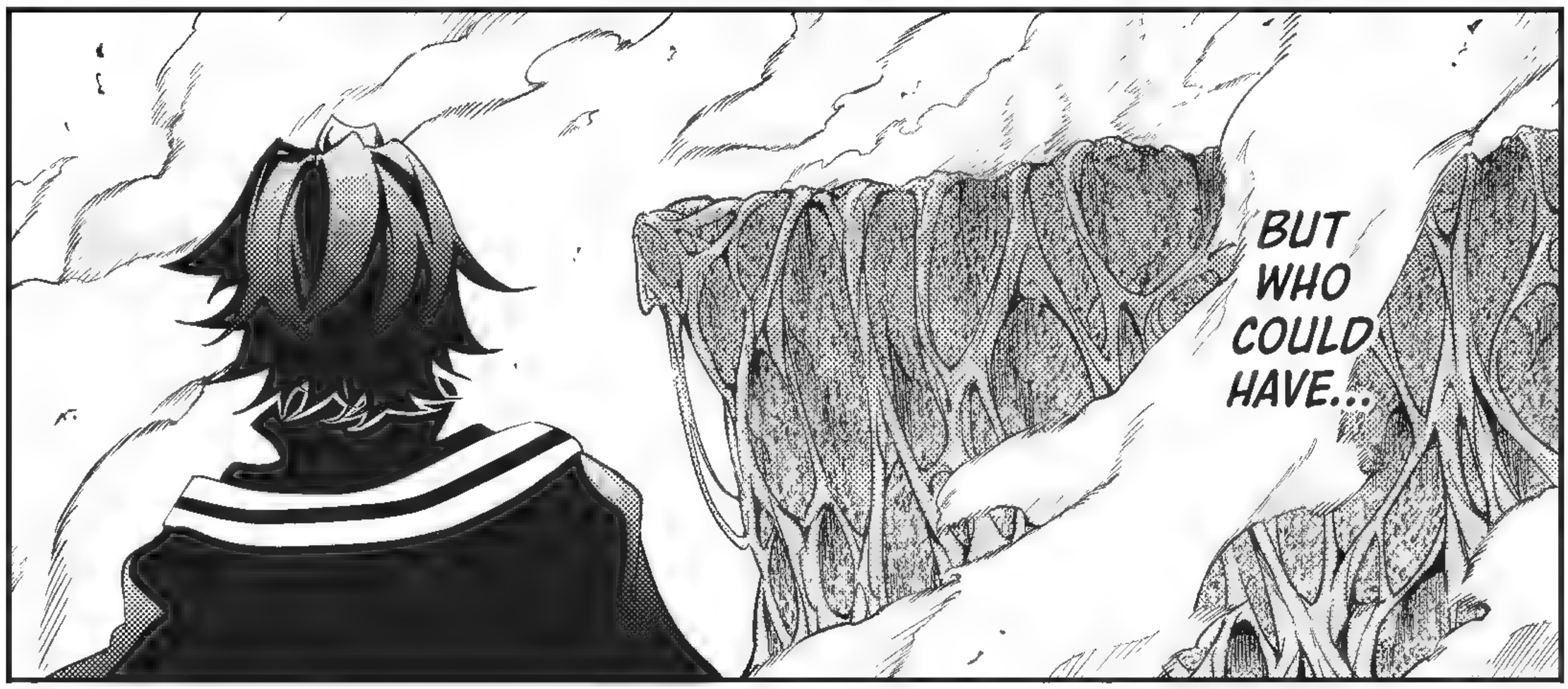
IT'S NO USE! WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!

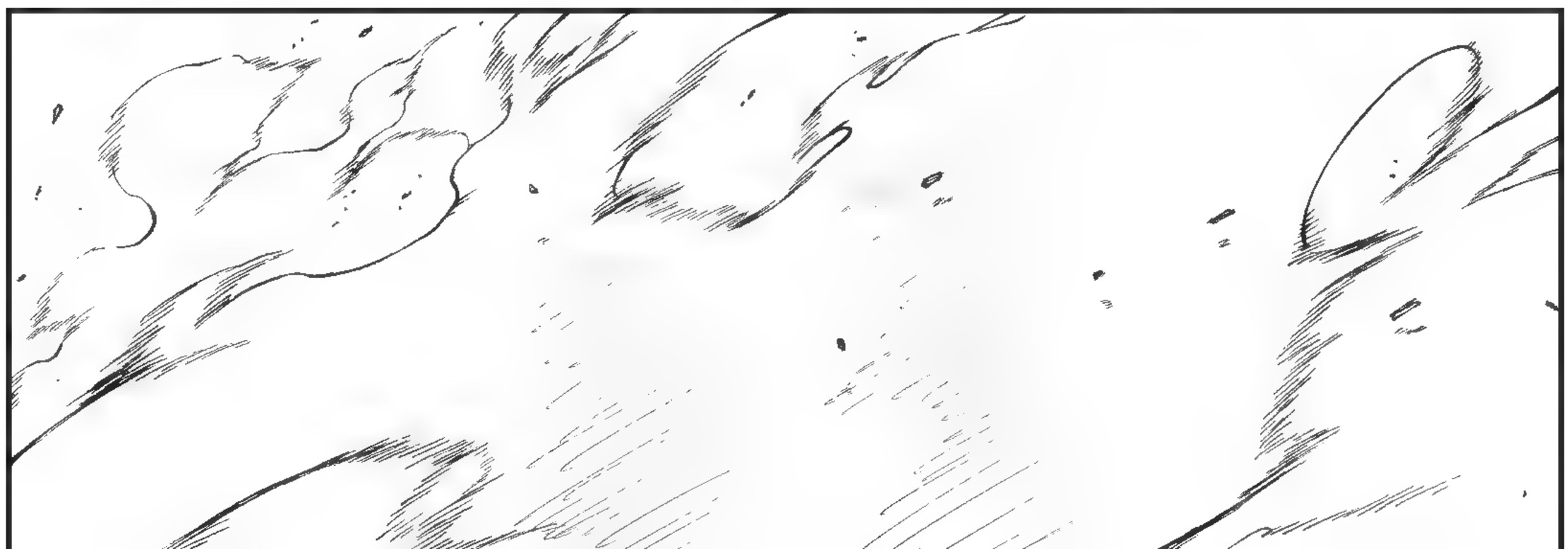
EEK! S-STAY AWAY!
JULI-UUUS!


KA-
WHA
AAM
RENDER JUDGMENT, SAGE-KING, VANQUISHER OF EVIL.

LOI
ELUZA!


AN ADVANCED ANNIHILATION SPELL?
WHA...


BUT WHO COULD HAVE...



THAT STAFF... IT CAN'T BE...
THAT MEANS HE'S...
ZSHH

...MASTERIAS NOAH...

...AARON MASTERIAS OLDKING!

THE KING OF THE MAGIA VANDER...

...AND THE MOST POWERFUL MAGE IN THE LAND.

YOU WHO WITH-STOOD THE DUNGEON'S DARKNESS... BE BLESSED BY THIS LIGHT.

YOU HAVE FOUGHT BRAVELY, CHILDREN OF MAGIC.

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!
GAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!
THE DUNGEON RANG OUT WITH OUR PARTY'S CRIES.
TREMBLING WITH JOY, ALL THE MAGES—EVEN THE ELF—BOWED THEIR HEADS IN HUMBLE REVERENCE.
Guh Hic
AND YET, AS THEY ALL TURNED THEIR ATTENTION...
...TO THEIR LORD OF LIGHT...

...MY EYES...

...WERE DRAWN TO HIM.

HMPH

THE SWORD IS STILL ALIVE, EH?

NOW, THERE'S A SUR-PRISE.

I'M...WILL SERFORT...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

AND YOU ARE...?

JUST FINN.
I'M FINN.

WE WERE RIGHT TO GET THE GOODS FIRST.
IF THEY'D COME AFTER US, RETRIEVING *THIS* WOULD'VE BEEN THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES.
I DEFINITELY WOULDN'T WANNA RUN INTO *THOSE* GUYS...

ANYWAY, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
でも 無事にミッションはクリア
TIME TO THROW THE PARTY FROM HELL.
これで地獄の宴を開こう
GOONG
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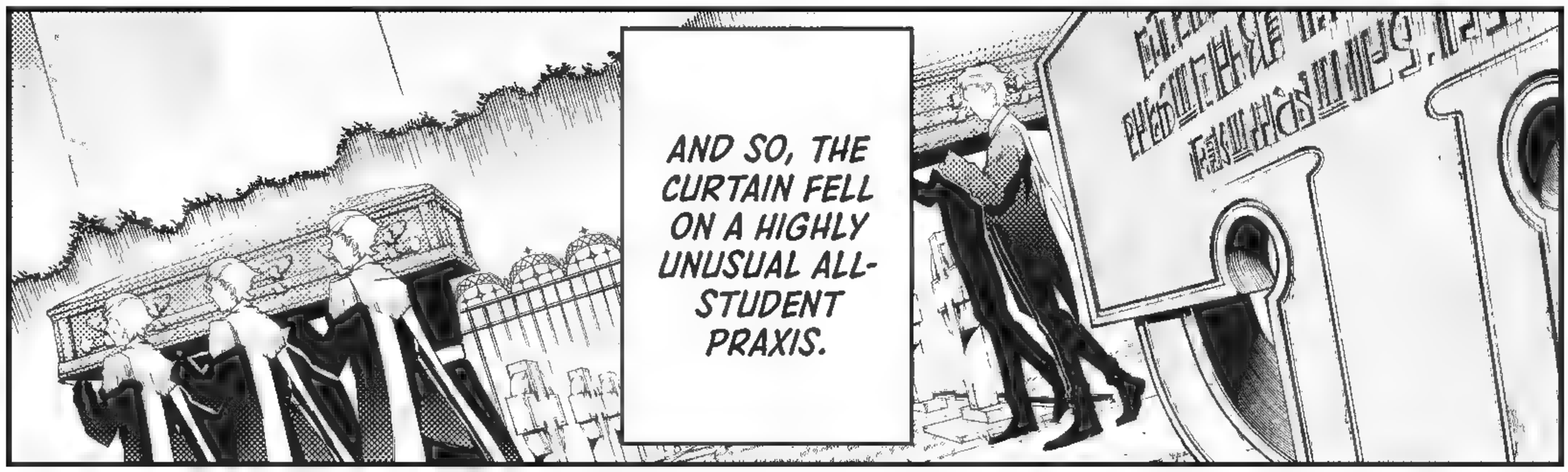
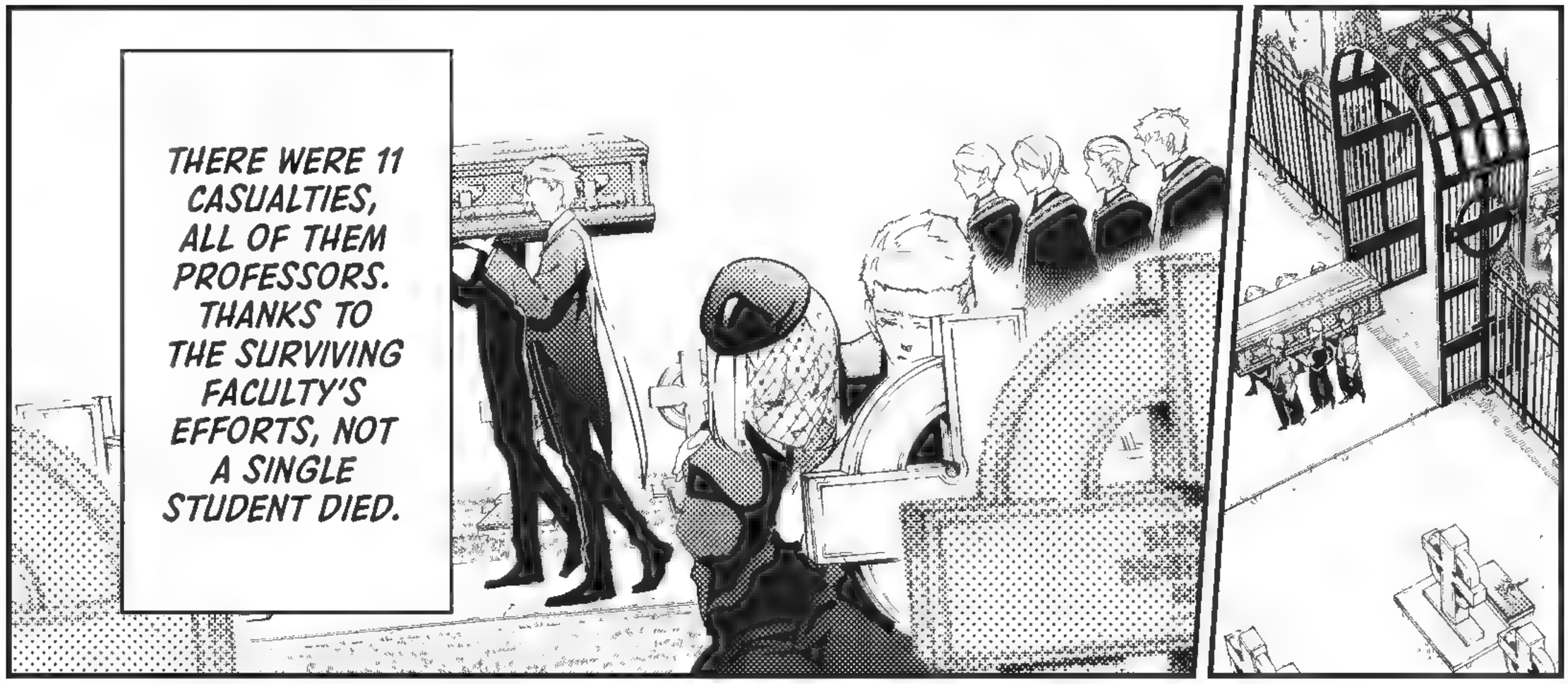
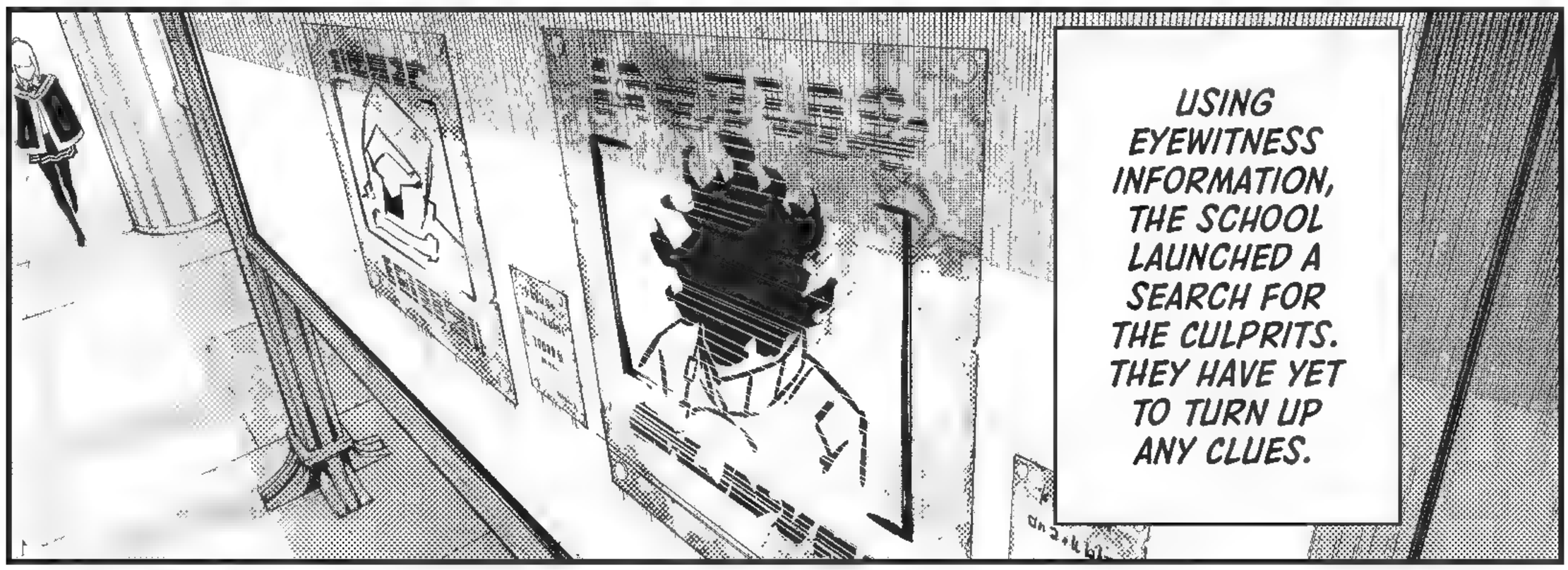
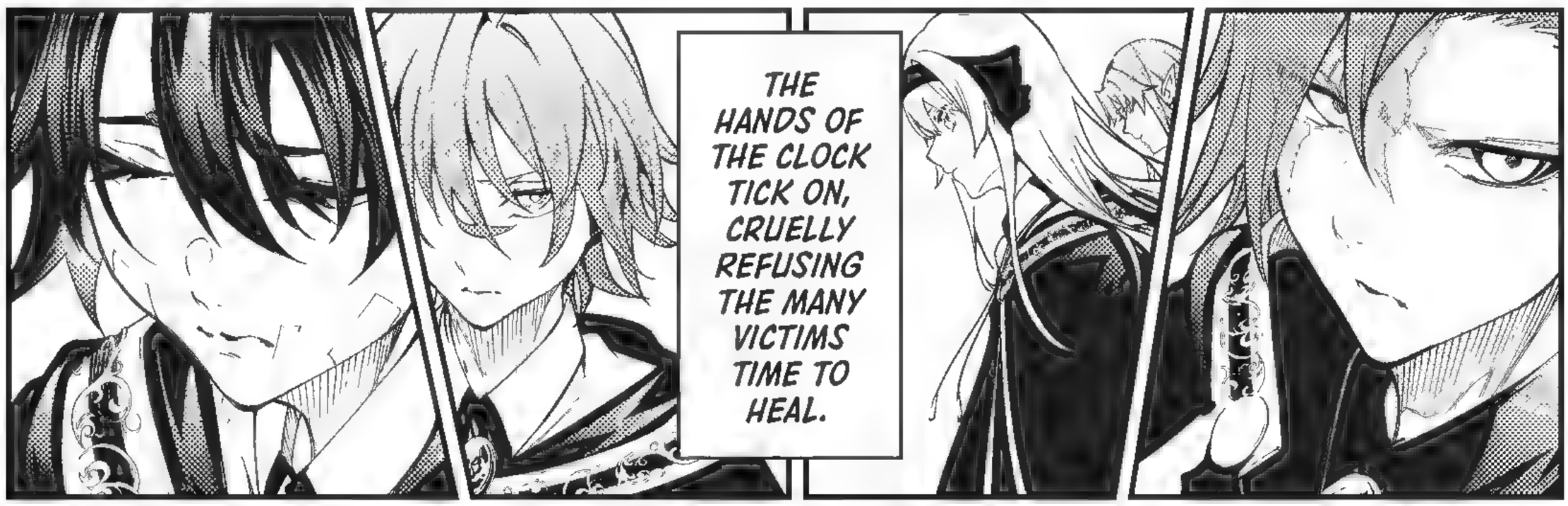

AND SO, THE CURTAIN FELL ON A HIGHLY UNUSUAL ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS.


THERE WERE 11 CASUALTIES, ALL OF THEM PROFESSORS. THANKS TO THE SURVIVING FACULTY'S EFFORTS, NOT A SINGLE STUDENT DIED.


USING EYEWITNESS INFORMATION, THE SCHOOL LAUNCHED A SEARCH FOR THE CULPRITS. THEY HAVE YET TO TURN UP ANY CLUES.


THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK TICK ON, CRUELLY REFUSING THE MANY VICTIMS TIME TO HEAL.

I'M SURE MANY OF YOU ARE STILL COMING TO TERMS WITH RECENT EVENTS.

EVEN SO, THAT'S NO REASON FOR US TO LET YOU NEGLECT YOUR STUDIES.

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE... FOR YOU SIXTH-YEARS, THIS REALLY IS YOUR FINAL TEST.

YES! ヨシッ

WHICH BRINGS US NOW TO DAY ONE OF GRADUATION EXAMS.

BEGIN!

Will Serfort
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Credits needed to advance to the Tower: 1,383

Historia
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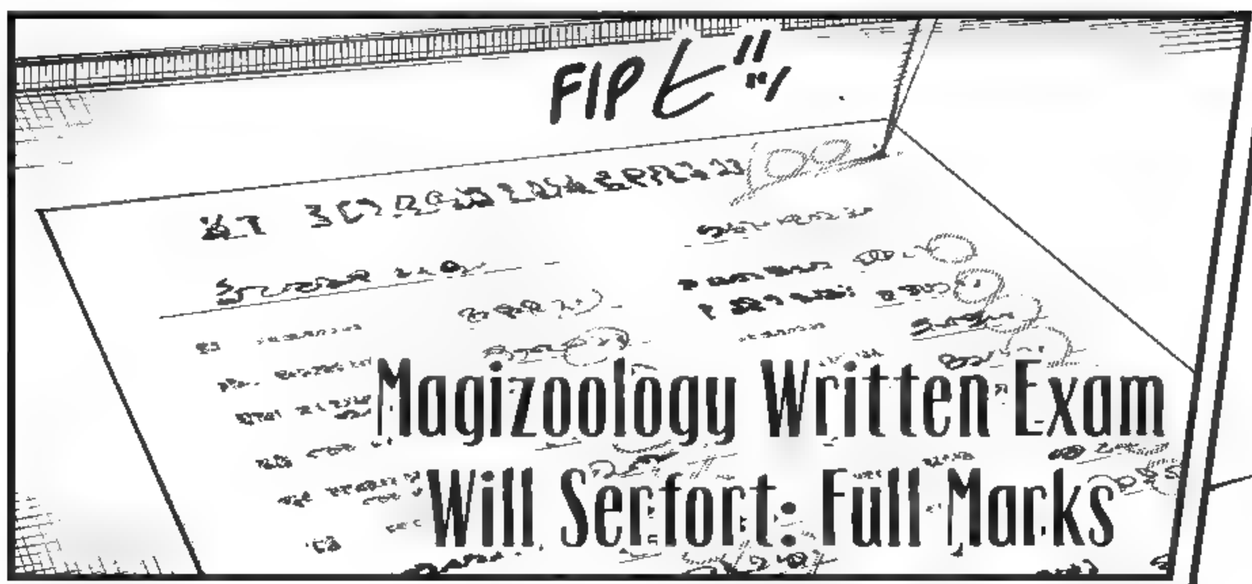
HE GOT A PERFECT SCORE IN EVERY SUBJECT?!

Chapter 20: Final Exams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Will Serfort: Full Marks

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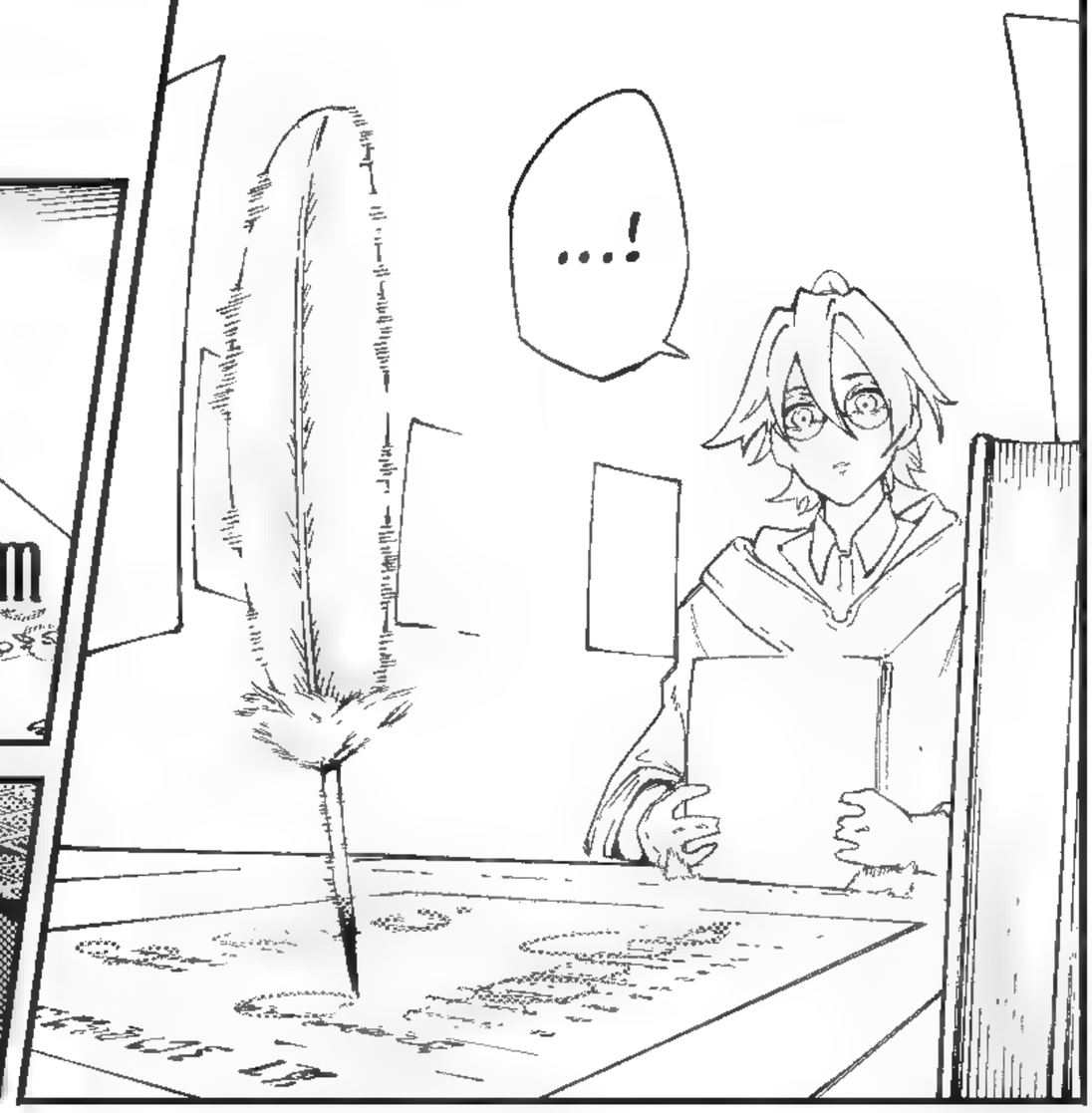
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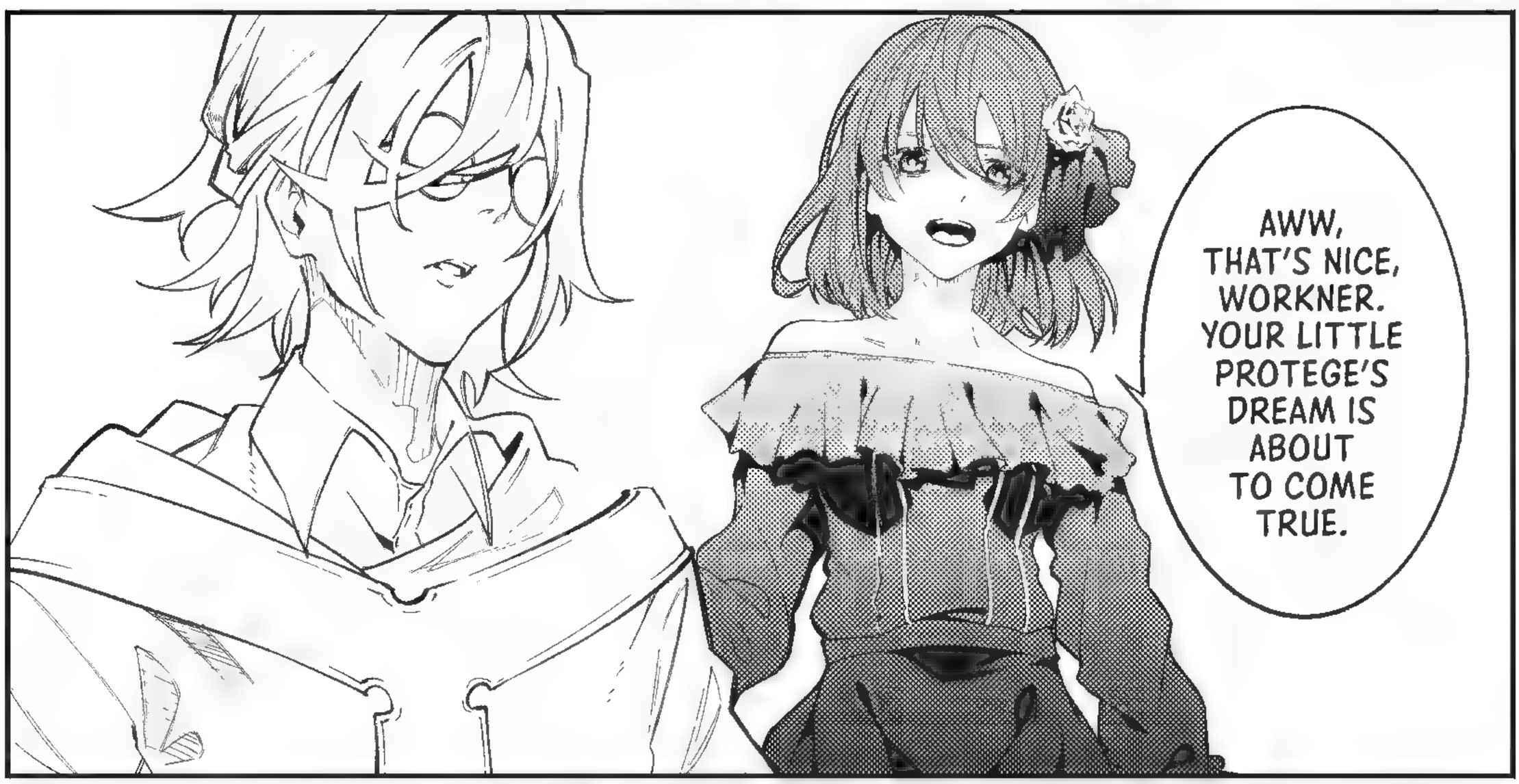
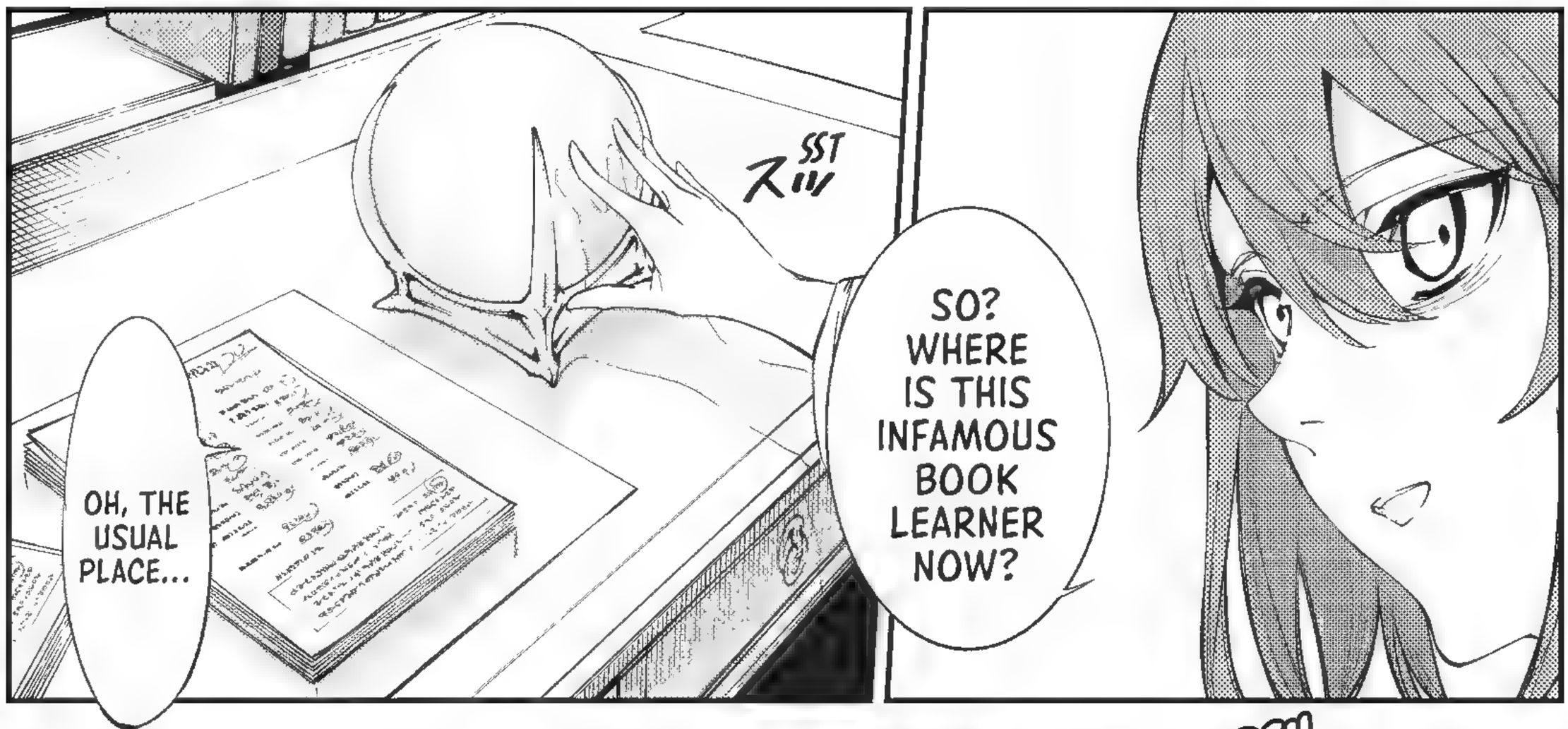

AWW, THAT'S NICE, WORKNER. YOUR LITTLE PROTEGE'S DREAM IS ABOUT TO COME TRUE.

OH, PRO-FESSOR ELIZA...
Y-YES, BUT THERE ARE STILL MORE EXAMS! WE CAN'T BE SURE UNTIL THE END!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OH, THE USUAL PLACE...
SO? WHERE IS THIS INFAMOUS BOOK LEARNER NOW?

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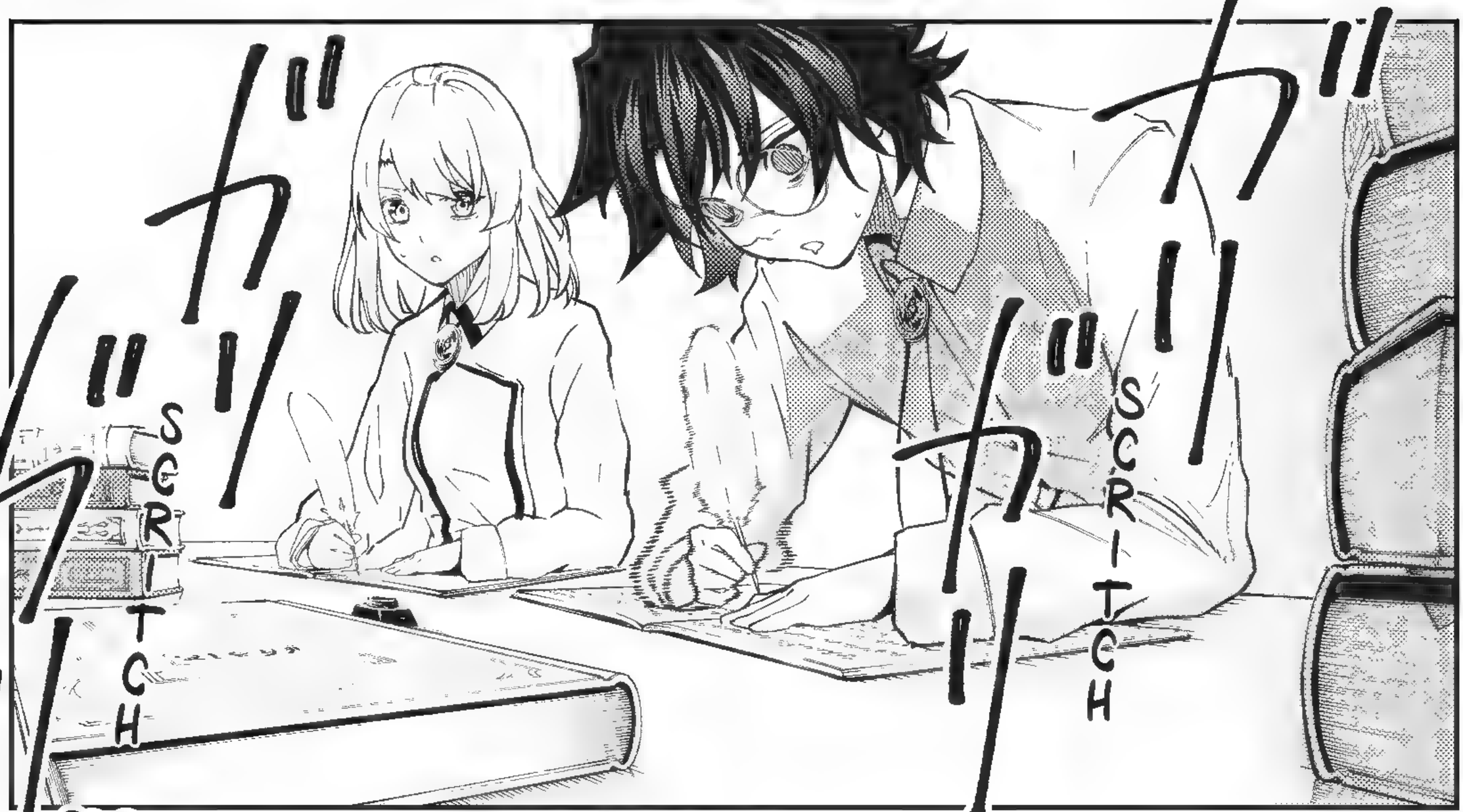
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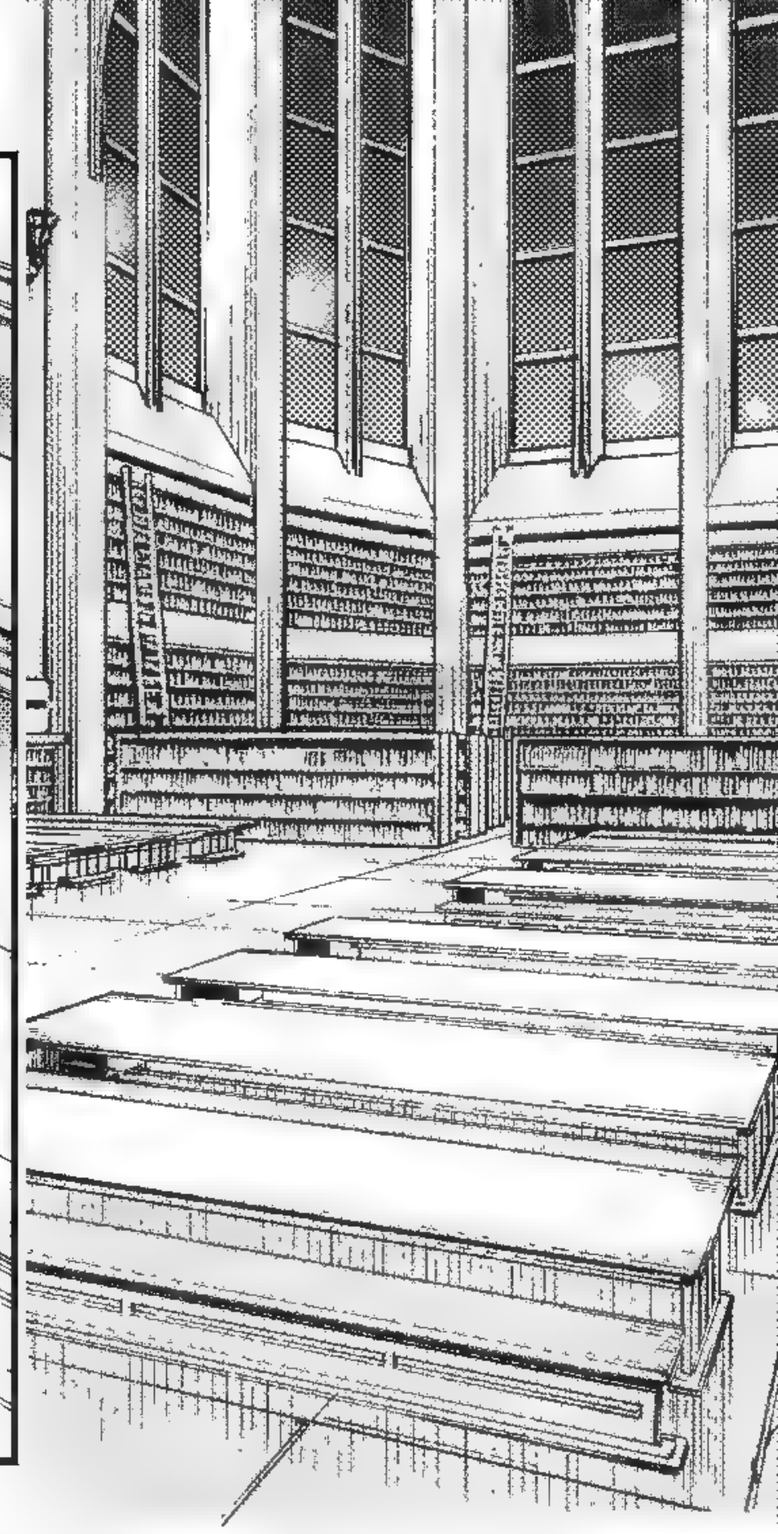
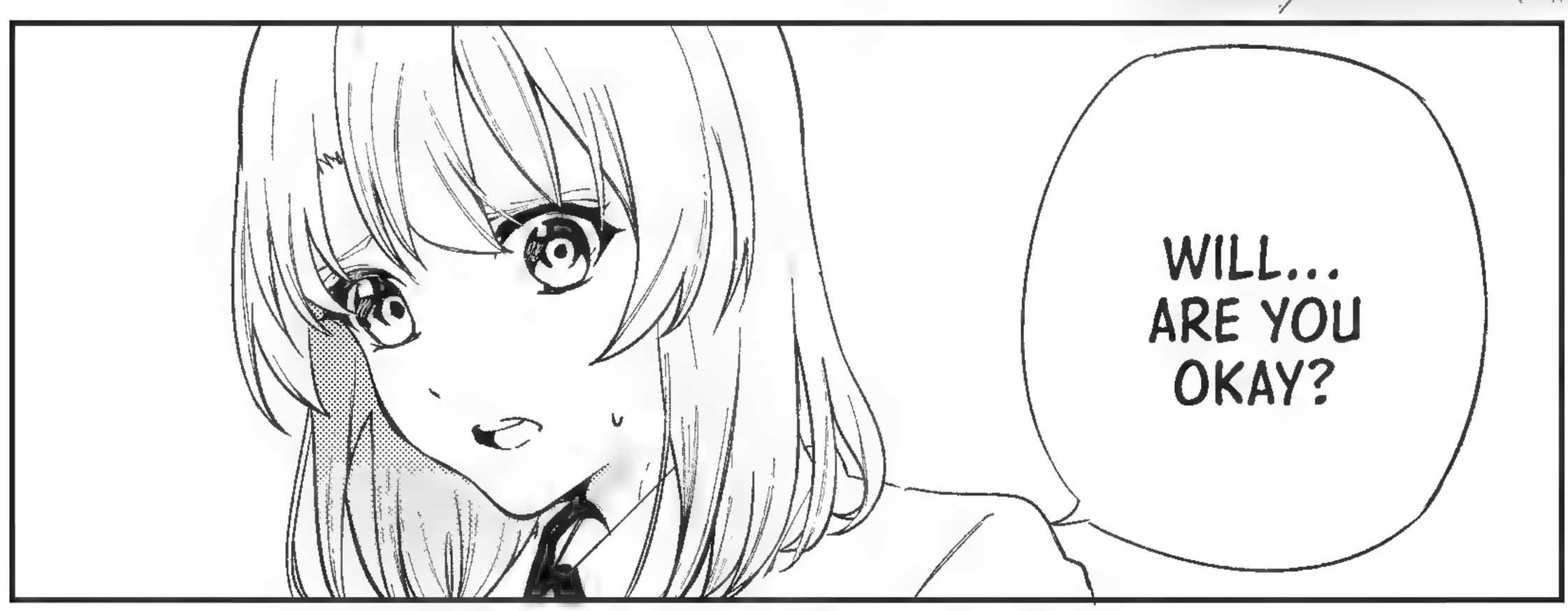
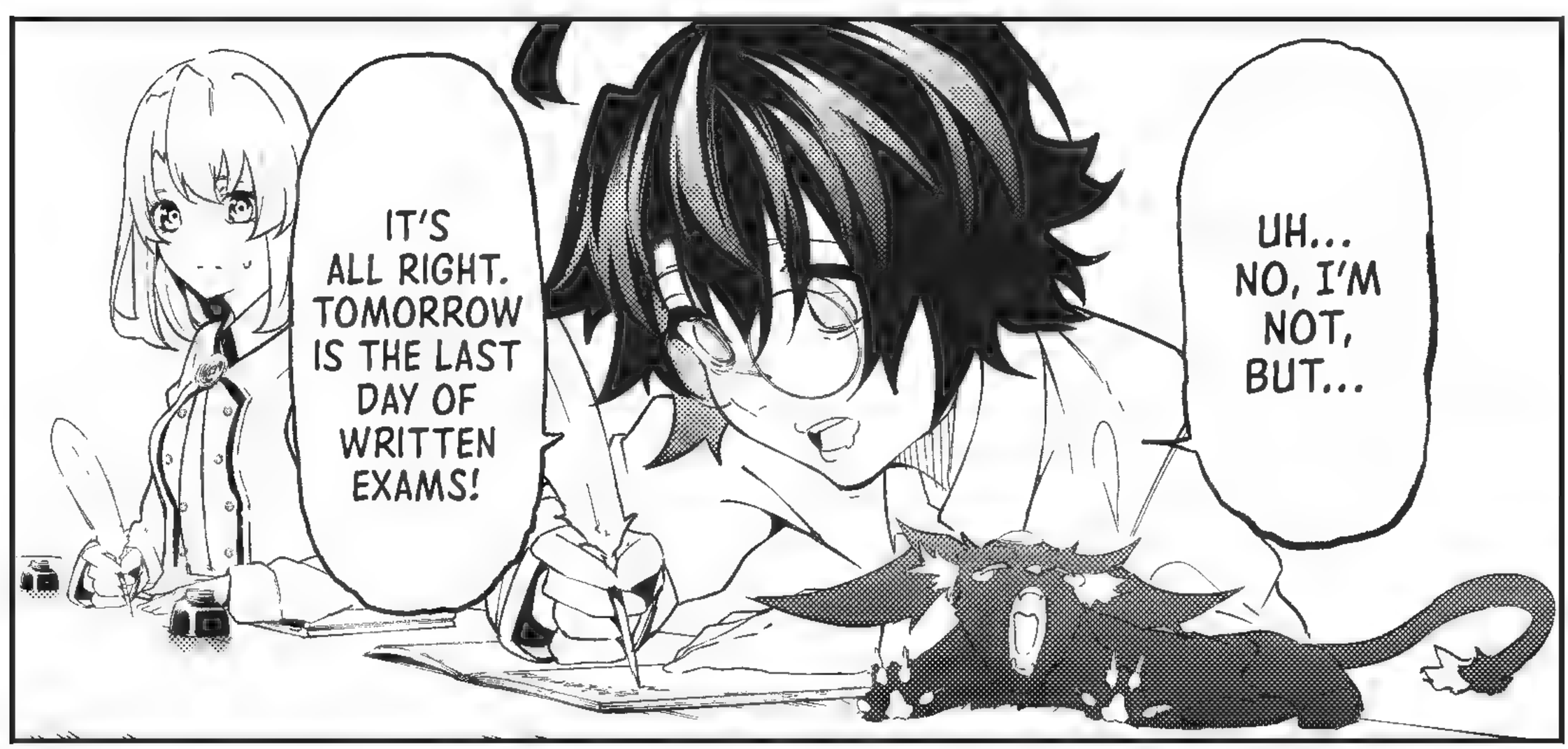



WILL... ARE YOU OKAY?


IT'S ALL RIGHT. TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY OF WRITTEN EXAMS!
UH... NO, I'M NOT, BUT...

I MEAN, WE JUST BEAT THE NABERUS YESTERDAY...

BUT EVER SINCE THEY MOVED OUT THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS... WE'VE HAD TO DO ***THAT*** ON TOP OF FINAL EXAMS.

THAT'S... NOT WHAT I WAS GETTING AT...

THEY'VE ALL BEEN SO KIND TO ME... I CAN'T LET IT GO TO WASTE!

YEAH, THANKS TO LIHANNA AND EVERYONE, I WAS ABLE TO MAX OUT MY PRAXIS CREDITS!

YEAH.

THAT'S RIGHT, ROSTI.

CLINK

CLINK

BUT...

...YOU DO HAVE A ***FEW*** SPELLWORK CREDITS, RIGHT?

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I GOT FIVE FROM PROFESSOR EDWARD'S REMEDIAL CLASS...

...AND MY LAST EXAM IS WORTH UP TO SIX... I ONLY NEED ONE MORE TO GET TO THE TOWER, BUT I CAN'T RELAX JUST YET.

Will Serfort
Credits: -7,199
Credits remaining until the required 7,200: 1

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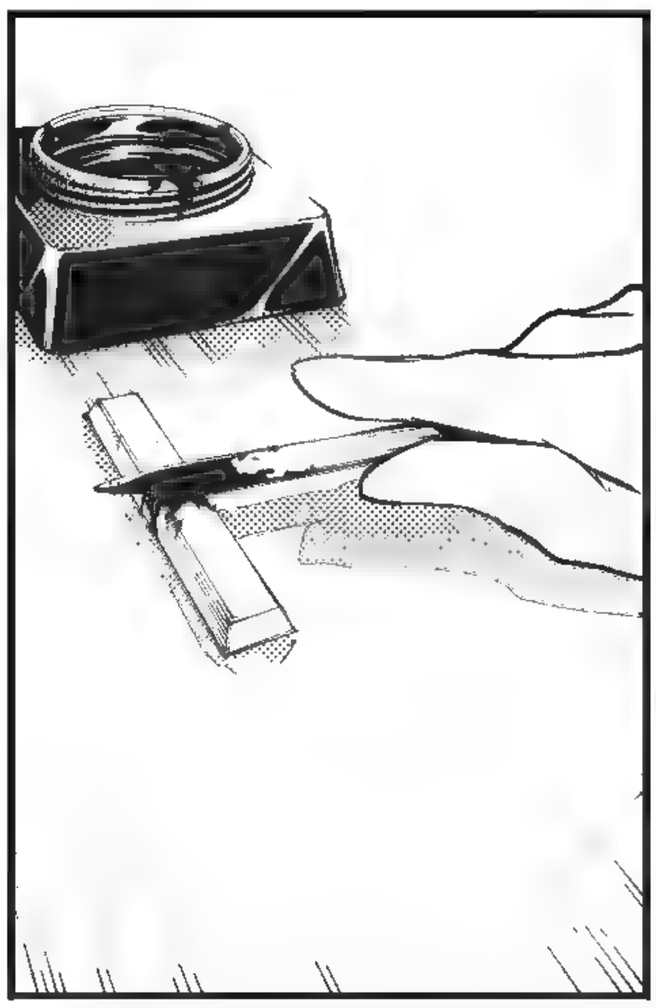
SEE? LOOK AT ALL THESE GRAY HAIRS.
OUCH?!
SNAP
H-HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! OF COURSE I WA-
WAIT, NO! I MEAN...
...I'D *NEVER* DO THAT!
HUH? I'M PULLING OUT HIS GRAY HAIRS. I DO IT FOR HIM ALL THE TIME.
OH, DID *YOU* WANT TO DO IT, COLETTE?
BUT WILL...YOU REALLY ARE WORKING TOO HARD.



YOU'VE BEEN AT IT NONSTOP SINCE THE DAY YOU BEAT THE GRAND DUKE... WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

HEY...
...I THINK THERE WAS A LITTLE BOY IN THAT EXPEDITION GROUP... DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?

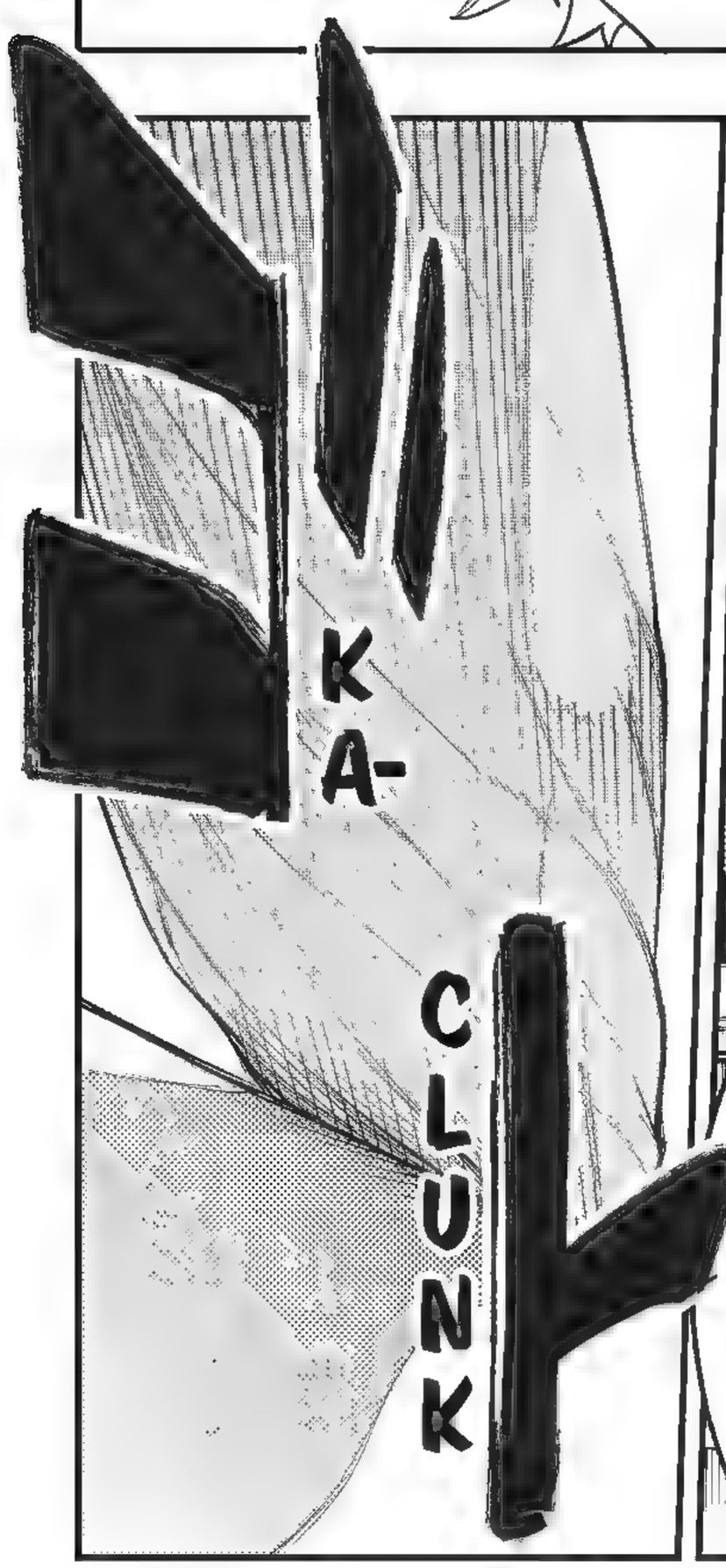
Mrow ?
HE MUST BE FROM THE *FINN TRIBE*... YOU KNOW, THE *PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT.*

EVER SINCE THE DAYS OF THE MAGE QUEEN, THE TOWER'S HIRED THEM AS GUIDES TO FIND PATHS THROUGH THE DUNGEON.

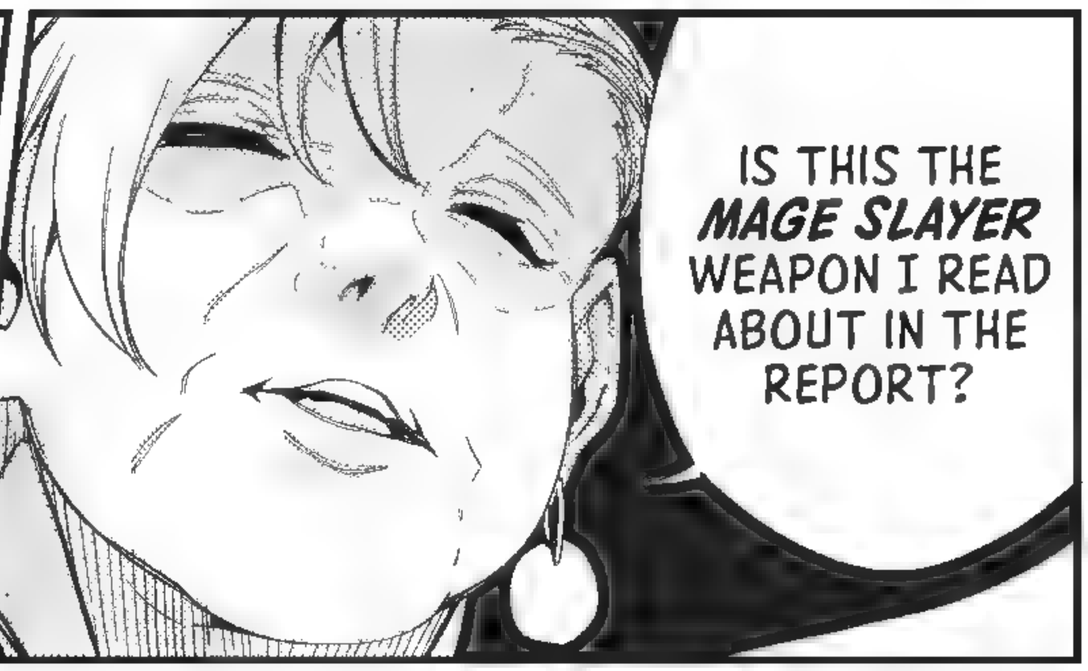
THEY'RE DWARVES. THEY CAN'T USE MAGIC, BUT THEY'VE BEEN COLLECTING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DUNGEON FOR GENERATIONS...

PEOPLE SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH THE DEEPER FLOORS WITHOUT THEIR HELP.

HEY, CALDRON. I'M BACK FROM THE EXPEDITION!



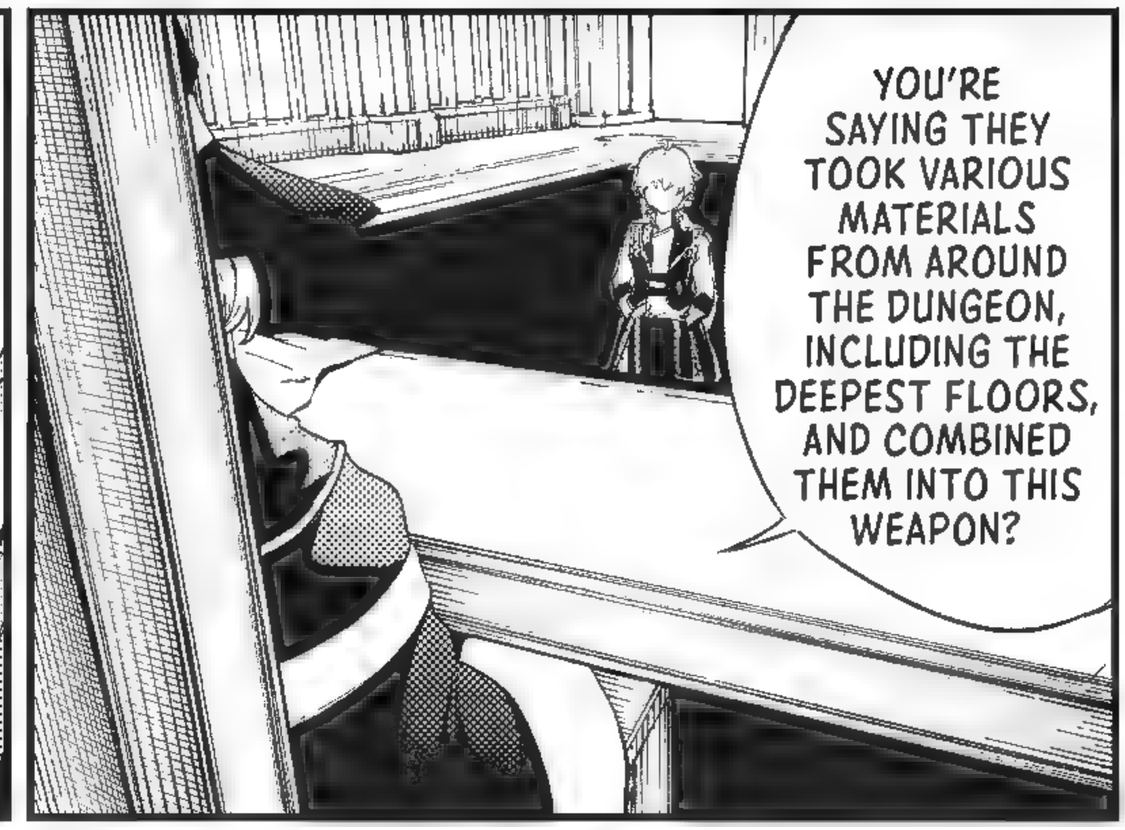
SURPRISE! I BROUGHT YOU BACK A SOUVENIR.

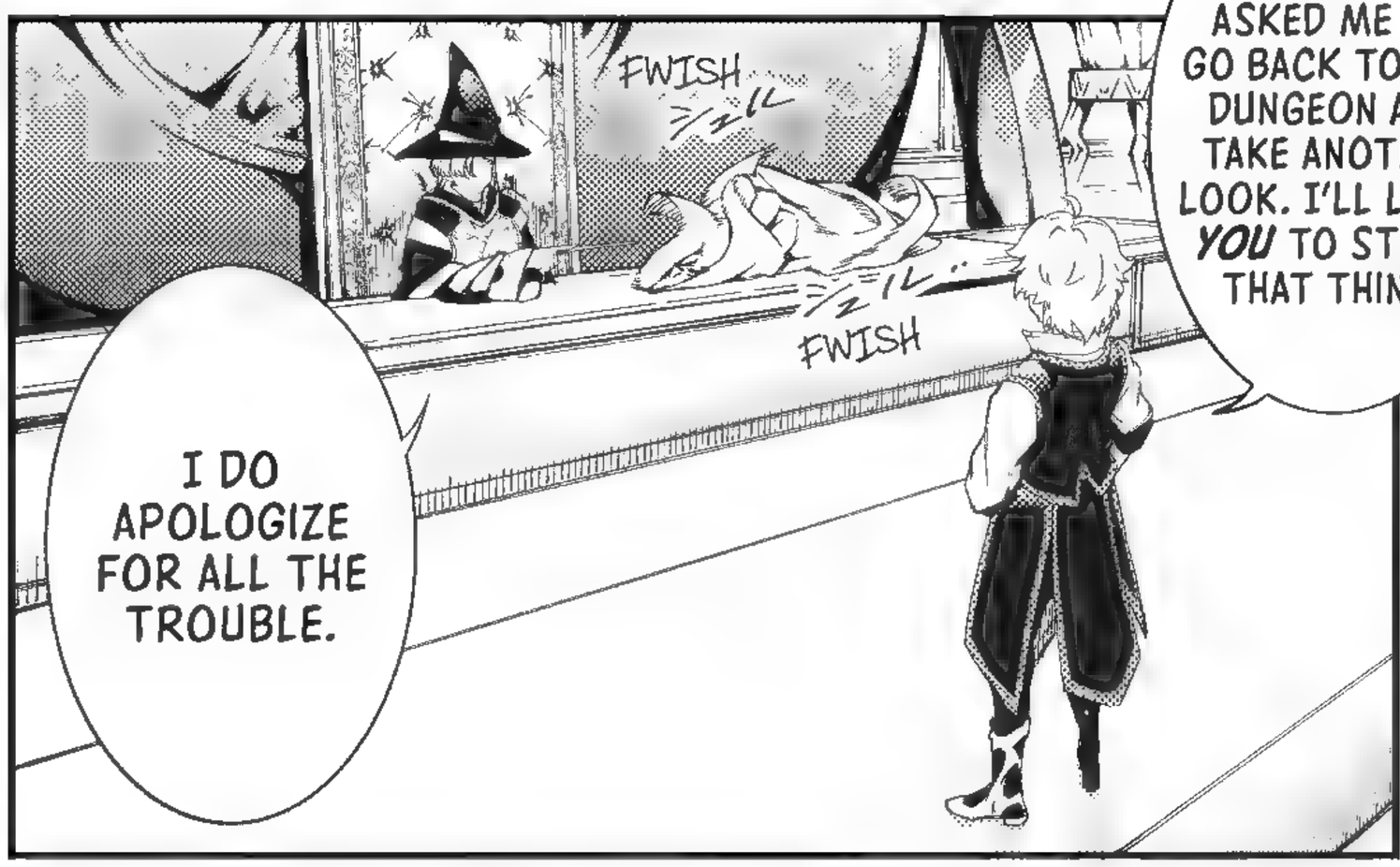


BUT I'D BE WILLING TO BET...

WE COULDN'T AFFORD TO GO EASY ON THEM, SO WE HAD TO FINISH THEM OFF.

...THIS MAGE SLAYER DIDN'T JUST *APPEAR* IN THE DUNGEON. I'M GUESSING THEY WERE DOING EXPERIMENTS DOWN THERE.

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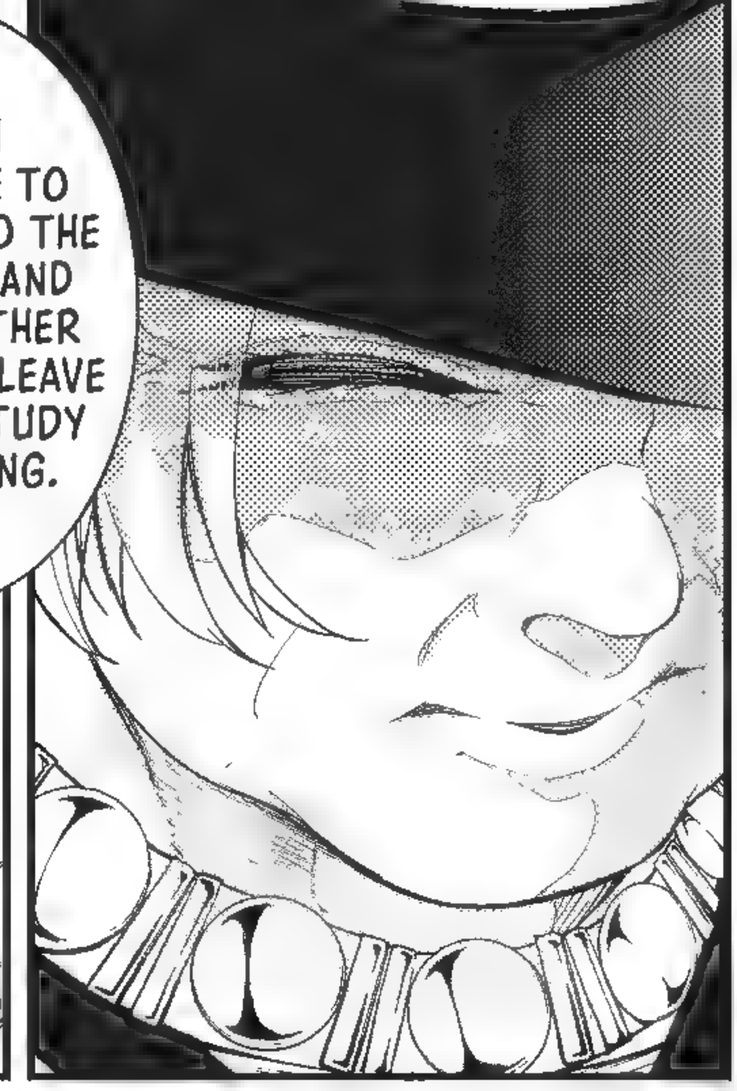
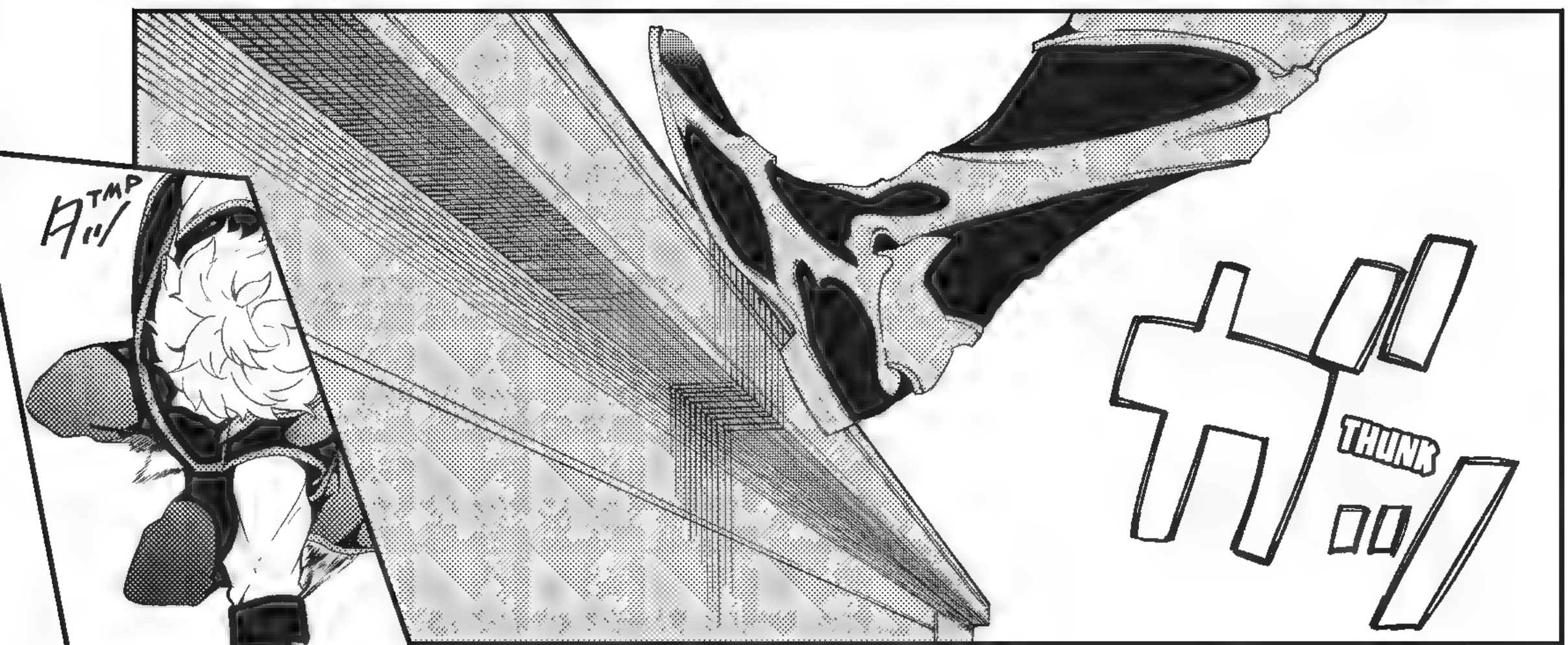
I DO APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THE TROUBLE.


AARON ASKED ME TO GO BACK TO THE DUNGEON AND TAKE ANOTHER LOOK. I'LL LEAVE *YOU* TO STUDY THAT THING.

NOW, AS FOR WHY I'M *REALLY* HERE...

I DON'T MIND. IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE SOME UNSAVORY PEOPLE WORKING IN THE SHADOWS, SO YOU GUYS BE CAREFUL, TOO.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THUNK

CALDRON, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THAT BOY?

WILL IS A STUDENT AT THIS ACADEMY, SO NATURALLY, HE WANTS TO BE A MAGE MORE THAN ANYTHING.

HE HOPES TO ASCEND THE TOWER AND JOIN THE MAGIA VANDER.

TOCK TICK

TOCK TICK

SIIIIGH.

YES, IT IS A FIRST. WHICH IS PRECISELY WHY I EXPECT THE IMPACT WILL BE NOTHING SHORT OF EXPLOSIVE.

WHO EVER HEARD OF A SWORD TRYING TO BECOME A WAND?

OHHH, YOU WITCH.

BUT ALL RIGHT... I GUESS IT COULD BE FUN.

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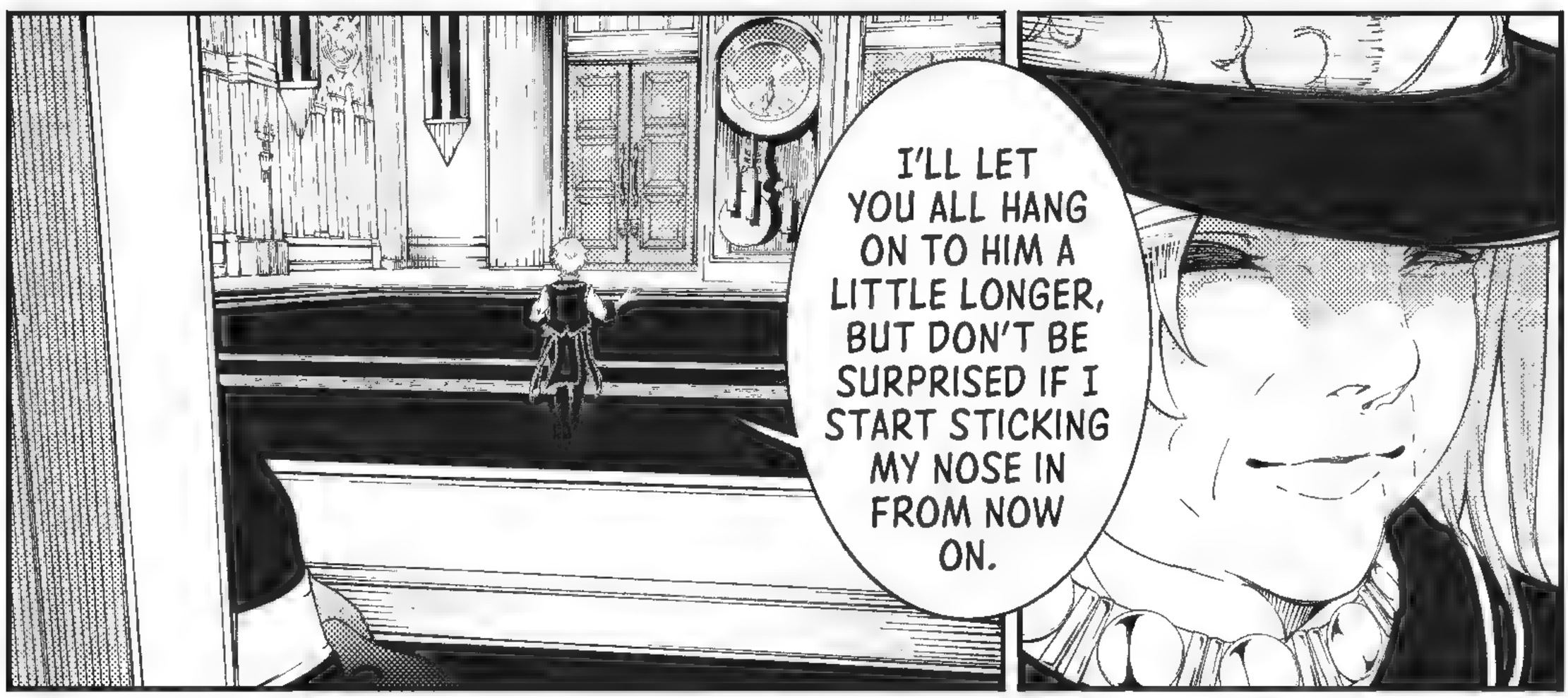

HE'S STILL AT IT... HE REALLY IS OVER-DOING IT.

WILL, I BROUGHT YOU SOME DINNER. PROFESSOR WORKNER GAVE ME PERMISSION TO...

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...WILL?
ARE YOU ASLEEP?
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING, COLETTE?

GUH-WHAA?!

SNRGH!

WH-WHEN DID *YOU* GET HERE?! UH, I MEAN, IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE! I WAS J-J-J-JUST WORRIED ABOUT WILL, SO I THOUGHT I'D GIVE HIM MY CLOAK!

SWEAT

SWEAT

Credits... Study...

FLAIL

FLAIL

OHHH, *I* SEE. AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE ABOUT TO KISS HIM.

SORRY FOR THE MISUNDER-STANDING.

Hngh...

Mrow!

...I REALLY WAS WORRIED, THOUGH.
CLENCH

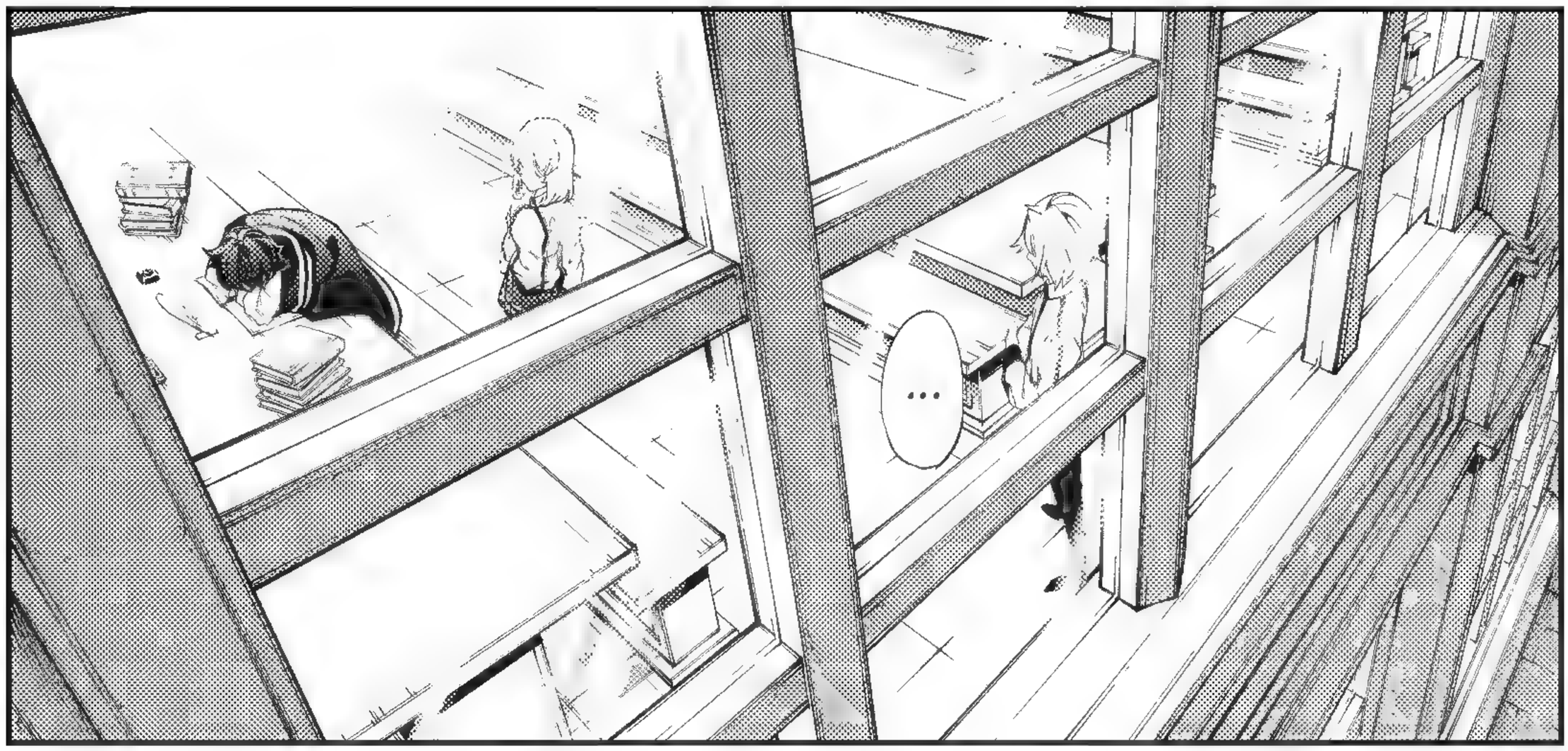
HE'S ALWAYS COVERED IN CUTS AND BRUISES.
WILL'S FALLING APART, BUT HE JUST KEEPS PUSHING HIMSELF EVEN HARDER...

I... I HATE THE MAGIA VANDER.

ALBIS VINA CAST HER SPELL ON HIM, AND WILL'S BEEN CHASING AFTER HER EVER SINCE.

BUT ***SHE*** NEVER DOES ***ANYTHING.*** SHE JUST WAITS UP THERE IN THE TOWER...

POOR WILL...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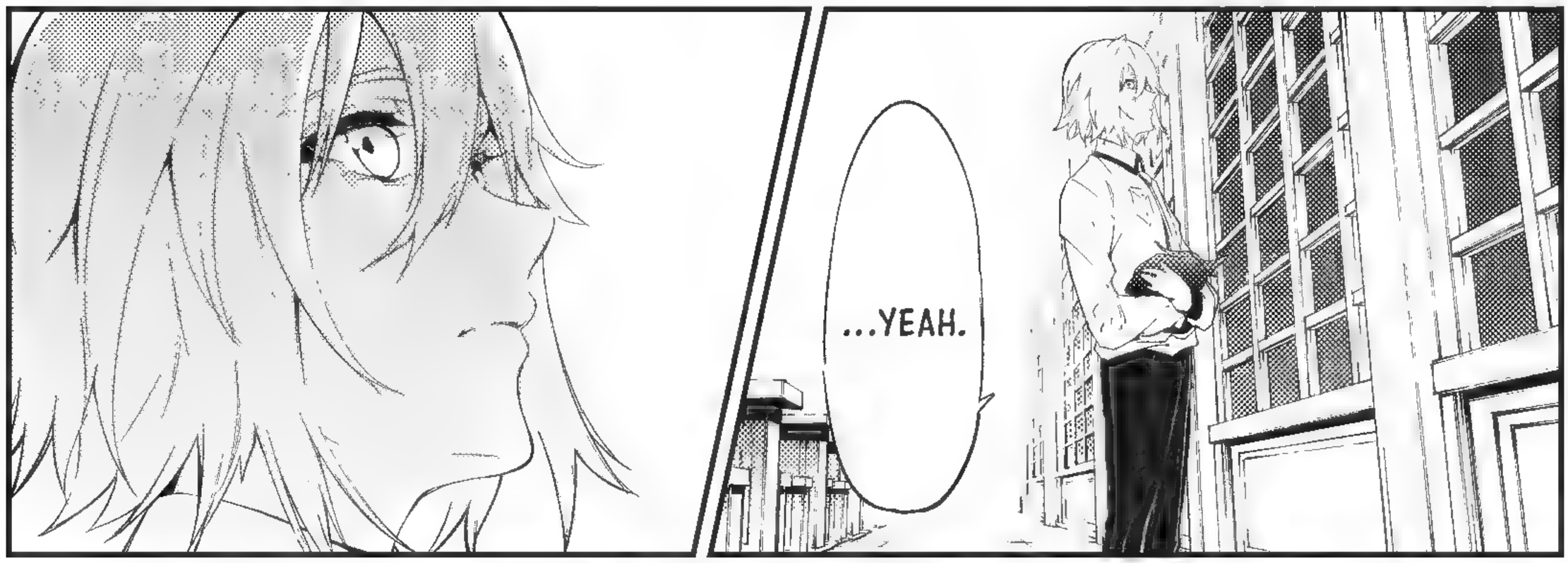
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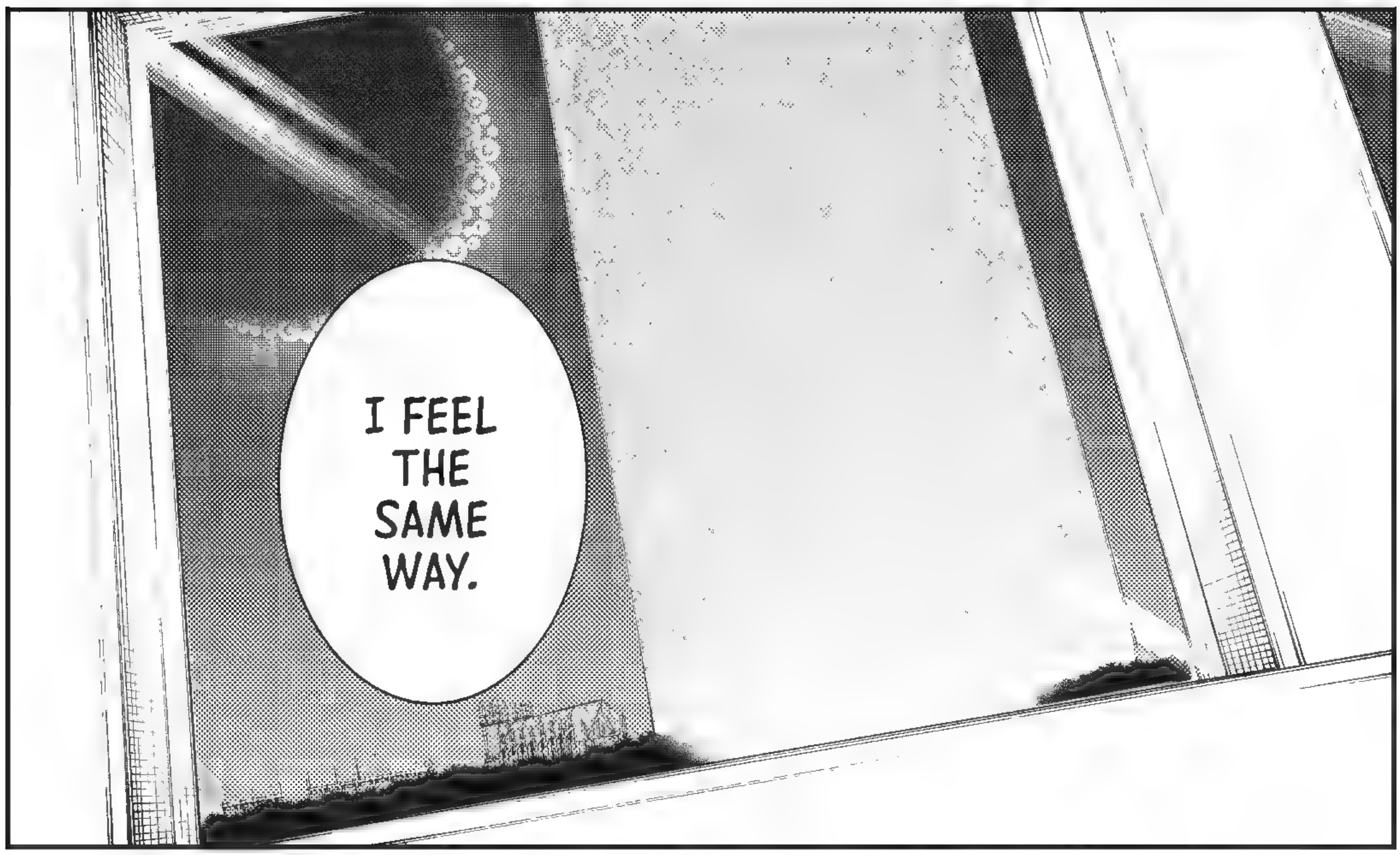
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

LADY ELFARIA? IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

NO...

CLACK

MY, WHAT A SURPRISE! IT'S IDLENESS INCARNATE HERSELF!

THE SHUT-IN IS ACTUALLY MAKING AN APPEARANCE? WHAT'S NEXT, A HAIL OF ICE SPEARS?

Ellenor Elleaf (Ljos) Alf Elleaf Canaan

THAT'S BECAUSE WE WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ICE MAGIC! IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT, I WOULD HAVE DESTROYED YOU!

The Vander do not get along...

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO CONFRONTATIONAL, ELLENOR... ARE YOU STILL BITTER ABOUT LOSING THAT MAGIC DUEL?

...I SHOULD'A KNOWN IT WAS YOU TWO MAKING ALL THE RACKET.

THIS IS *MY* HALL-WAY. GET LOST.

Zeo Thorzeus Reinbolt
Thorzeus Fasce

BARBAR-IAN.

WHY DON'T *YOU* GET LOST?!

NO, *YOU*, PLEASE.

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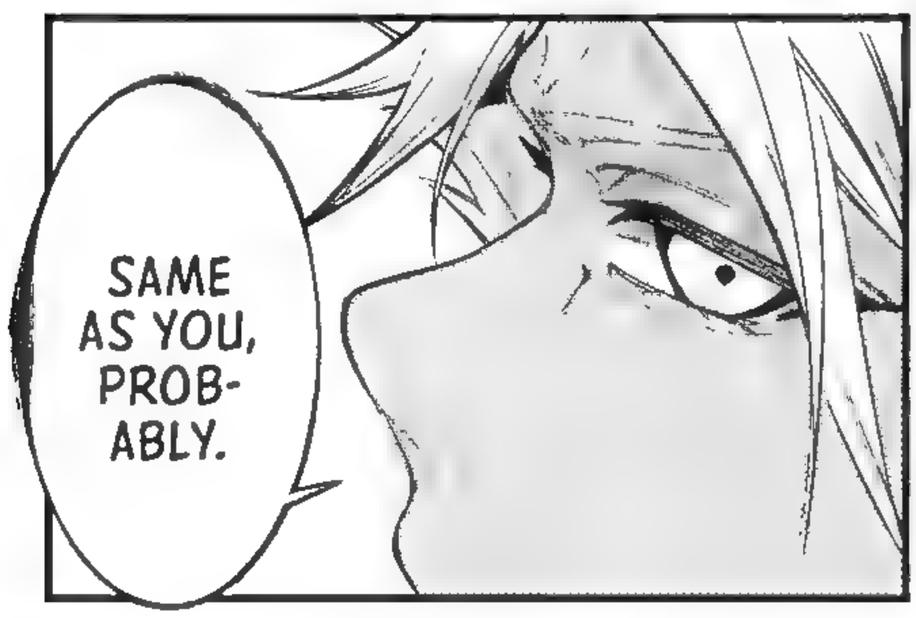
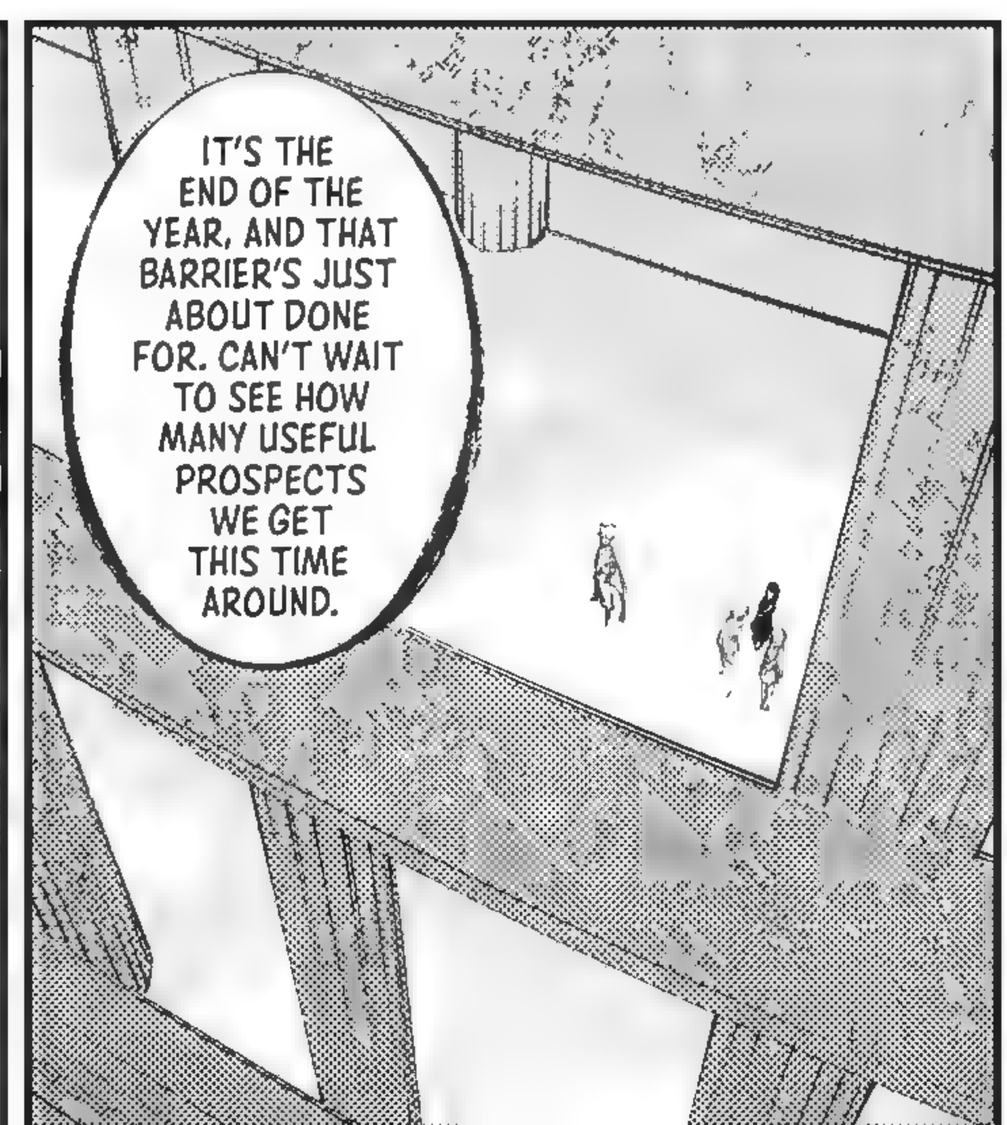
BARBARIAN? *HA!* TAKE A LOOK IN THE MIRROR, YA DAMN SAVAGES!

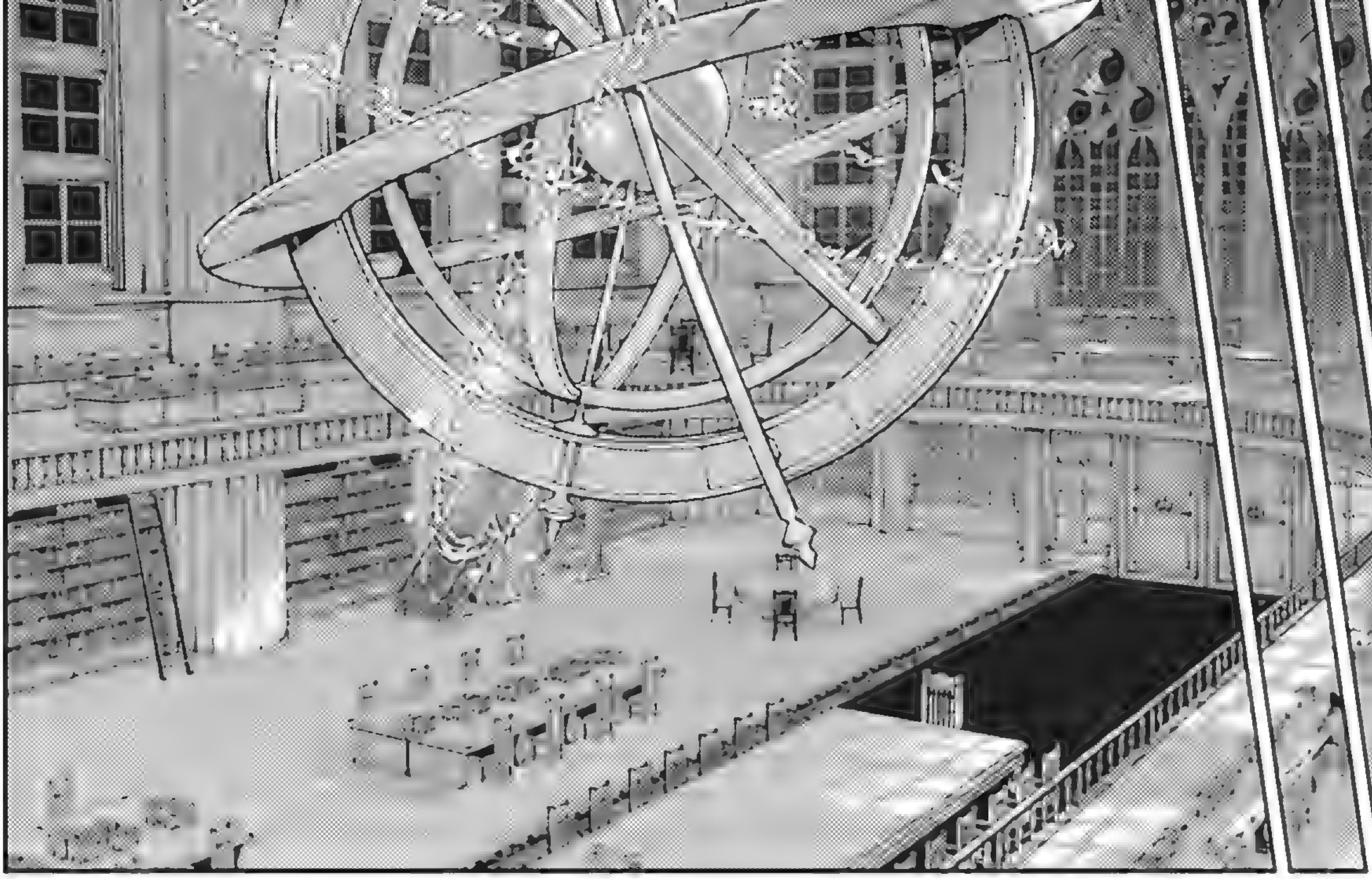
YOU HAVE TO ASK?

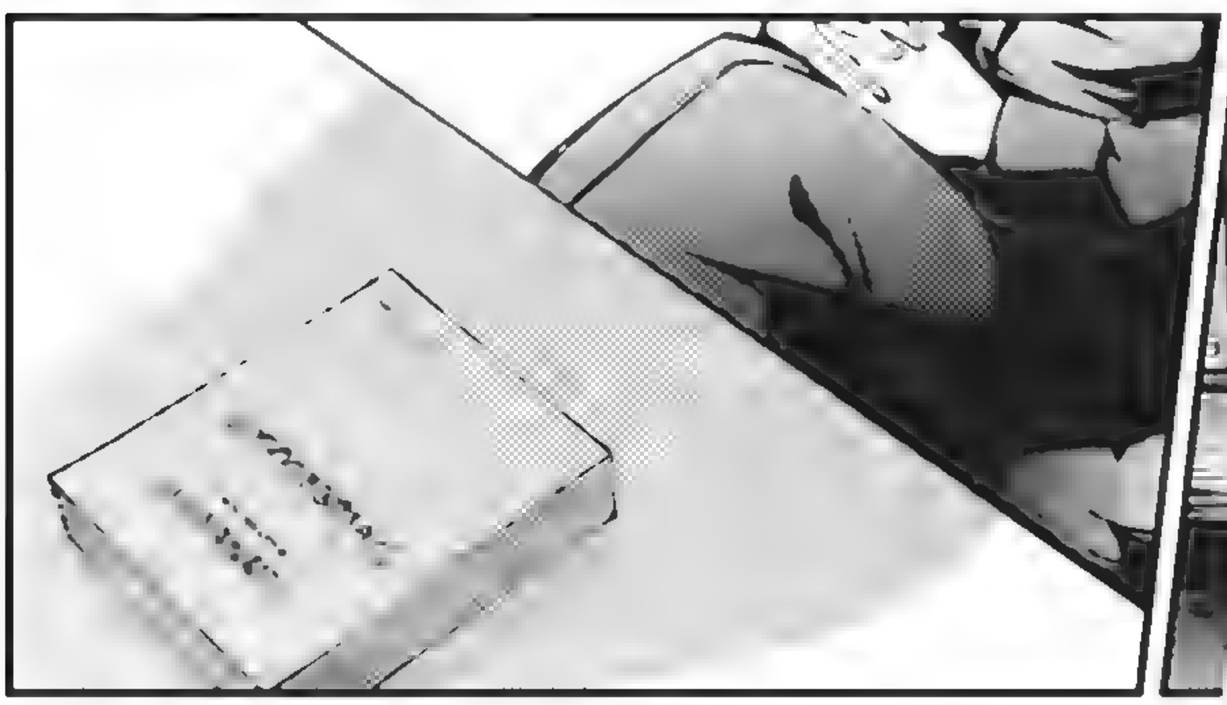

SAME AS YOU, PROB-ABLY.

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?

THE *TERMINALIA.* WE GOTTA GET READY FOR THAT STUPID CEREMONY.


IT'S THE END OF THE YEAR, AND THAT BARRIER'S JUST ABOUT DONE FOR. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW MANY USEFUL PROSPECTS WE GET THIS TIME AROUND.





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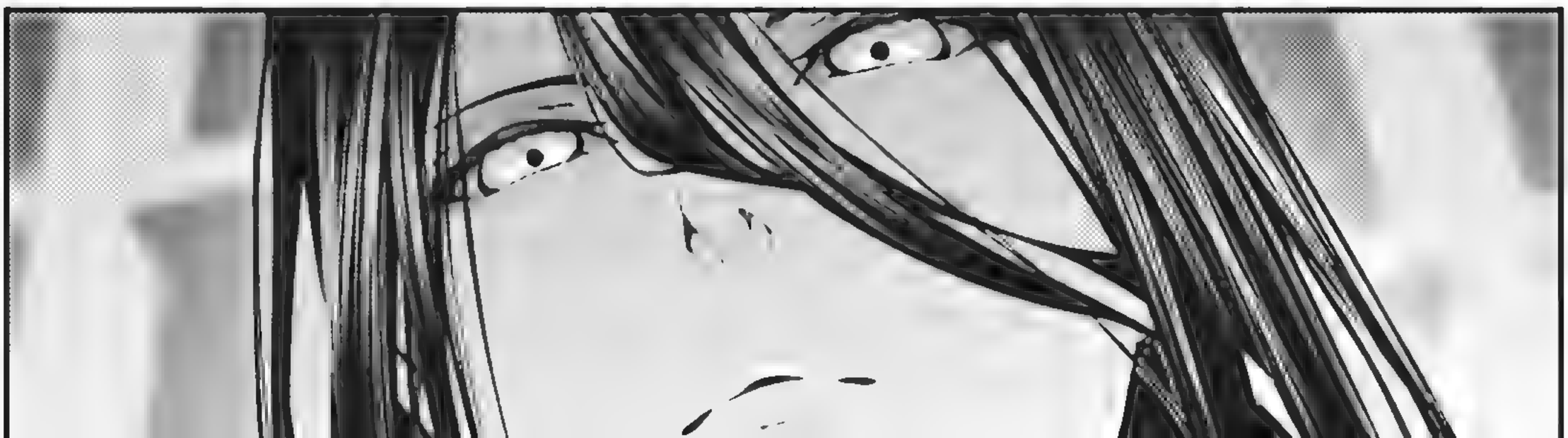

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Final Exam

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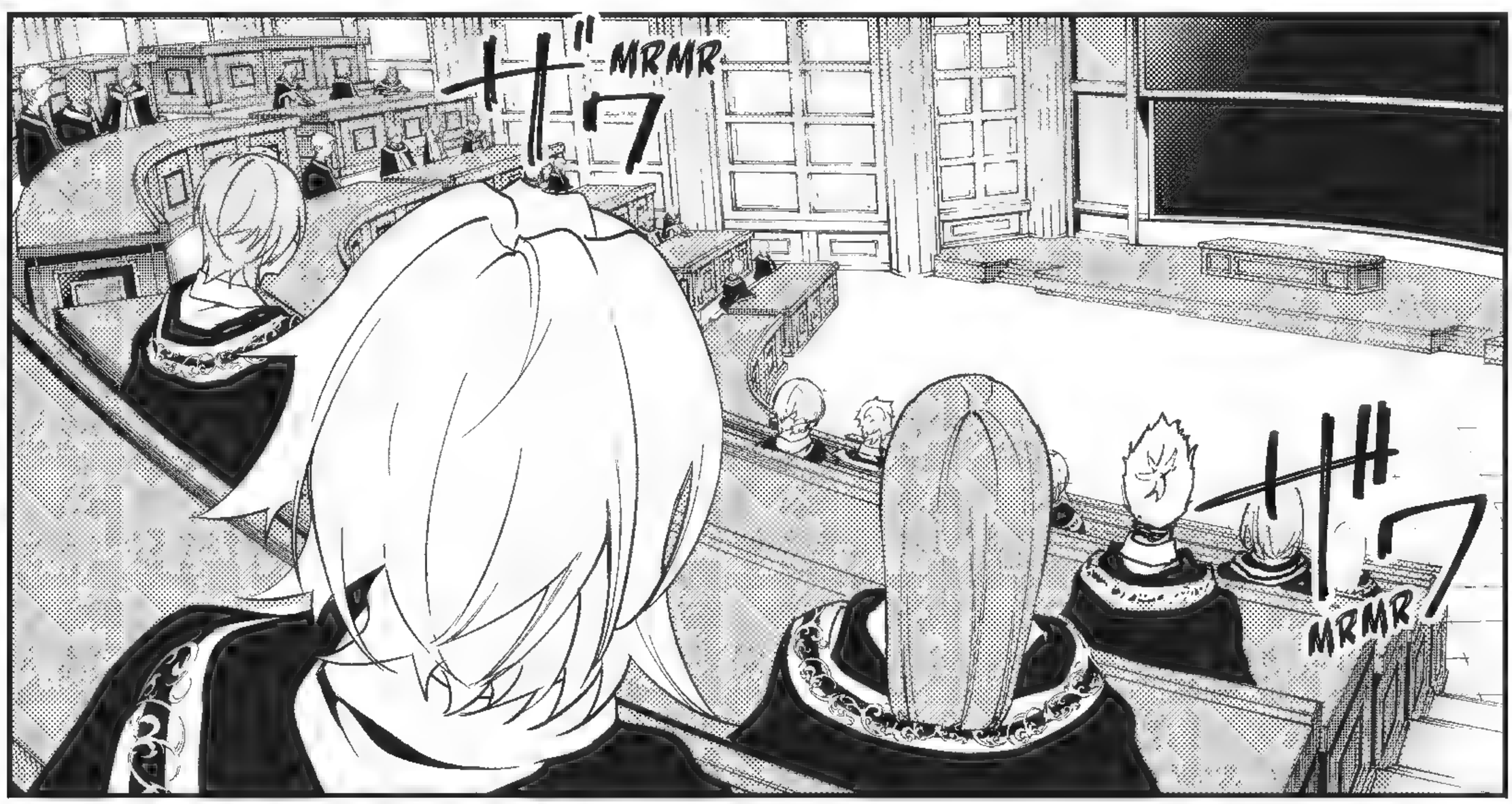
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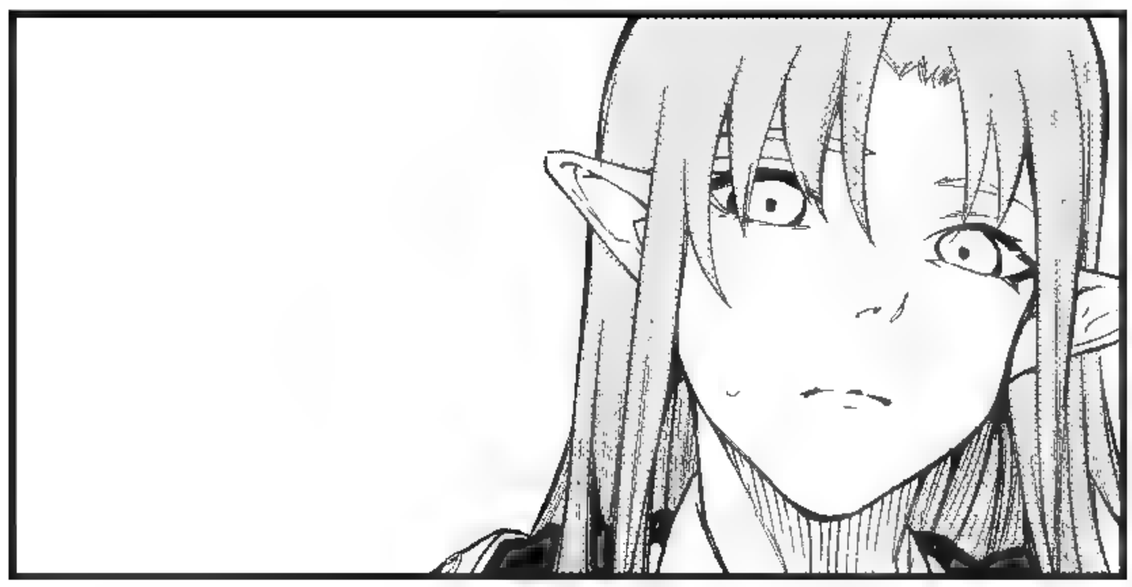
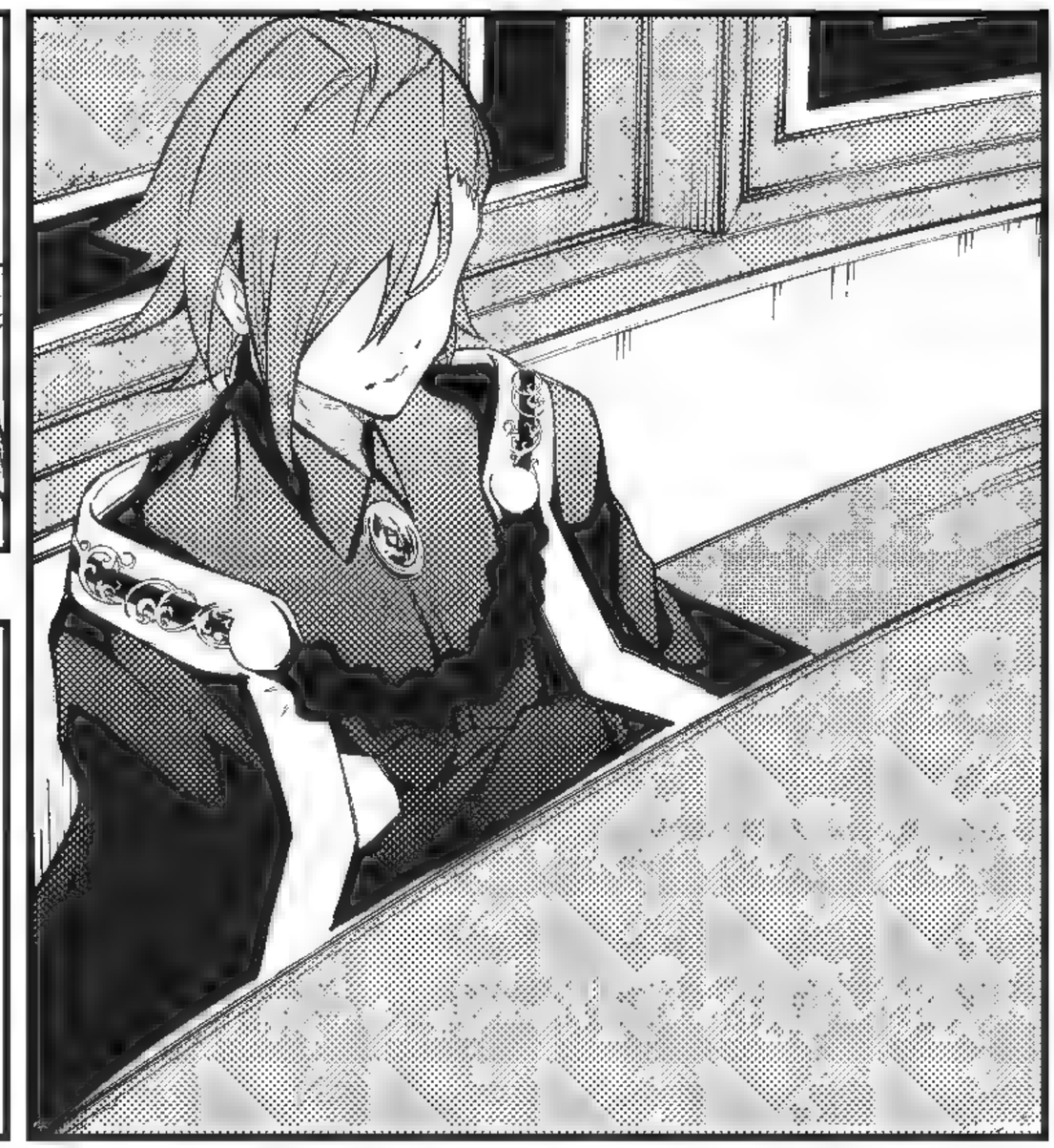
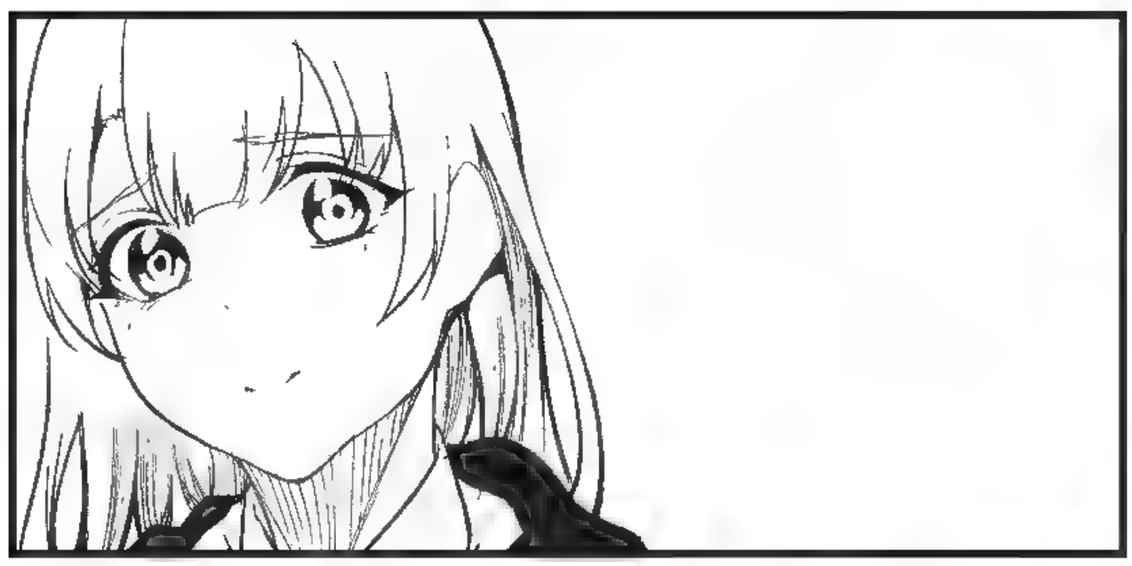
I MIGHT NOT MAKE IT TO THE TOWER...

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE HAVE PROFESSOR EDWARD THE LAST DAY OF FINALS...
THREE STRAIGHT PERIODS WITH THAT SNAKE? KILL ME.







PHEEW!!

SILENCE.
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KA-CHAK
...

BUT FIRST, A FEW WORDS.

YOUR FINAL EXAM WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

I WILL BE ASKING YOU *ONE* QUESTION.

THOSE WHO CAN ANSWER IT WILL RECEIVE THE FULL SIX CREDITS.

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I WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY QUESTIONS.
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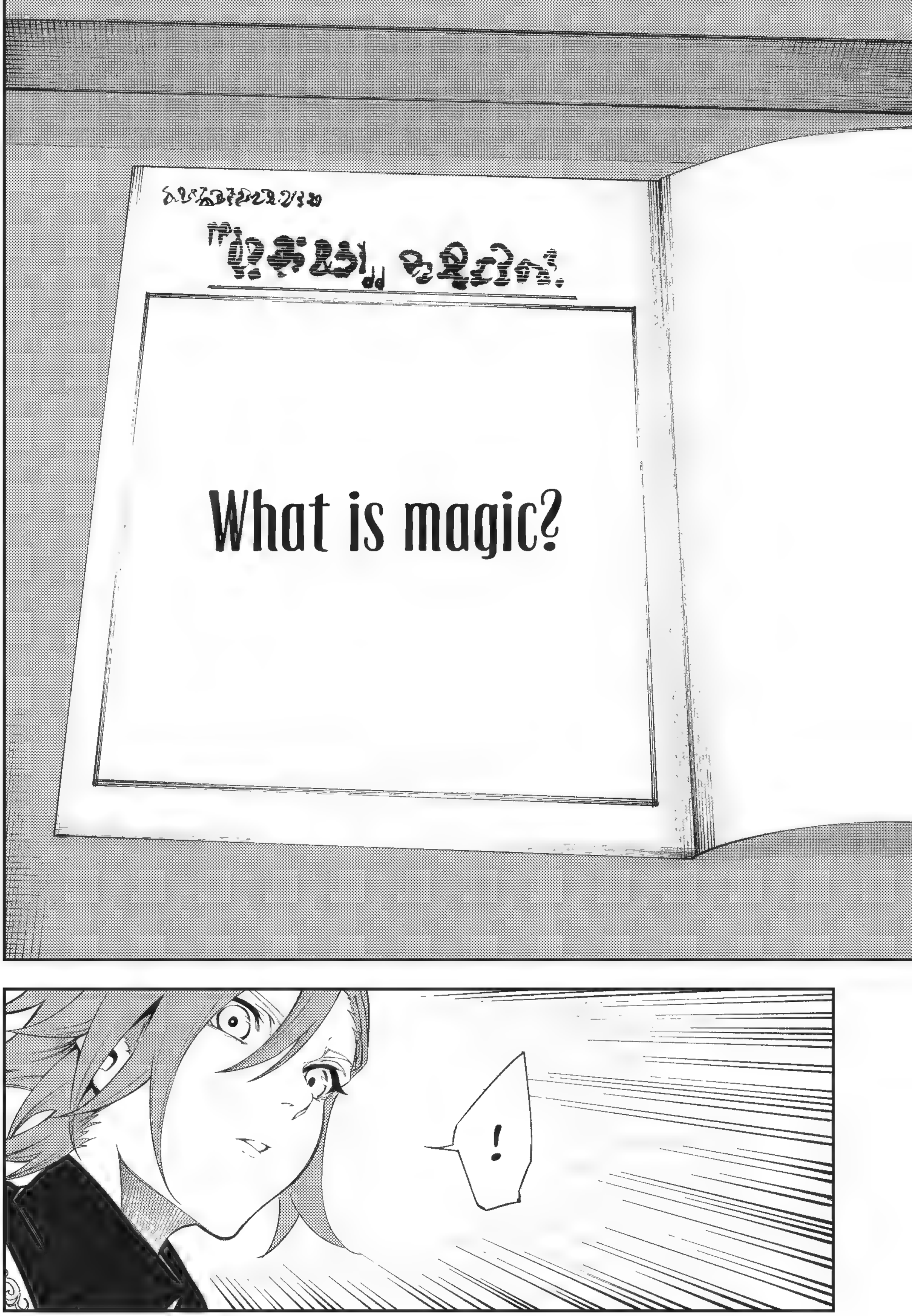
SHOW ME WHAT SIX YEARS AT THE ACADEMY HAVE TAUGHT YOU.

NOW... BEGIN!


What is magic?
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HE'S ASKING WHAT OUR PROCESS IS LIKE WHEN WE PERFORM MAGIC. THAT'S SOMETHING WE NORMALLY DO SUBCONSCIOUSLY, BUT NOW WE ACTUALLY HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT FEELS LIKE!

AN ESSAY QUESTION ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO ACTIVATE AND USE OUR MAGIC!

Based on your own magical affinity, explain using the following terms: Tela, link, manifest.

IT'S NO USE.
I CAN'T ANSWER IT.

SOME-THING YOU'RE BORN WITH.

IT'S A FEELING.

WHY WOULD ANYONE BOTHER TEACHING IT?

THIS ISN'T IN ANY TEXT-BOOK.

...MEANS NOTHING HERE.

KNOWL-EDGE...

A NO-TALENT LIKE ME SIMPLY ISN'T **QUALIFIED** TO ANSWER.

I CAN'T GO TO THE TOWER? BUT I PROMISED ELFIE...

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN JUST POWER THROUGH ON MY OWN! DOES THAT MEAN IT'S ALL OVER?!

DON'T GIVE UP!

SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL, YET CRUEL!
A MIRACLE THAT WILL ALWAYS BE OUT OF REACH!
TO ME, MAGIC IS...AN ASPIRATION!

I BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS YOU NEVER GIVE UP, YOU CAN EVEN SURPASS MAGIC, AND I...
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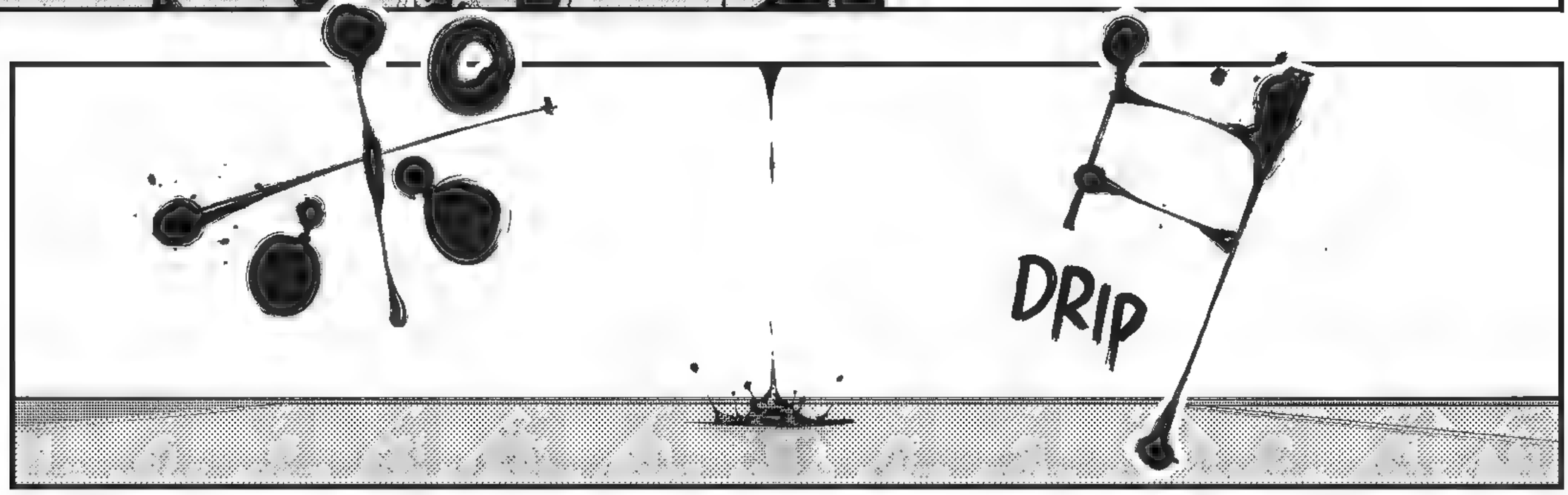
TO ME, MAGIC IS...
I AM A SWORD, NOT A WAND.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WHAM

YOU CALL THAT A TEST?!

HOW COULD YOU ASK THEM THAT?!

BAM

ED!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

FORTY PERCENT OF THEM GOT IT WRONG. I WEEP FOR THEIR FUTURES.

THEY ALL HOPE TO CLIMB THE TOWER. I MERELY ASKED THEM ABOUT THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL PART OF BEING A MAGE.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

YOU ASKED THEM THAT *KNOWING* THERE WAS ONE STUDENT WHO COULDN'T POSSIBLY ANSWER IT! YOU'RE A TEACHER! HOW COULD YOU SET HIM UP TO FAIL?!

WHAM

YOU'RE THE ONES SETTING HIM UP TO FAIL!

YOU WANT TO SEND A BOY WHO CAN'T USE MAGIC TO THE TOWER? TO THE *WAND GRAVEYARD?* WHAT WILL *THAT* ACCOMPLISH?!

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THIS WORLD RUNS ON ***MAGIC!*** A SWORD CAN ***NEVER*** BECOME A WAND!

OR DO YOU WANT TO LET THEM MAKE HIM THEIR GUINEA PIG?! THAT'S SO RIDICULOUS, IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY!

YOU AND THE HEAD-MISTRESS BOTH!

YOU'RE MAD.

I'M WRENCHING THAT IMPOSSIBLE DREAM OUT OF HIS GRASP... THAT'S THE ONLY BIT OF MERCY I CAN OFFER HIM.

List of Failed Students

Will Serfort

Will Serfort
Credits: 7,199

NOT ELIGIBLE...
...TO ASCEND THE TOWER.
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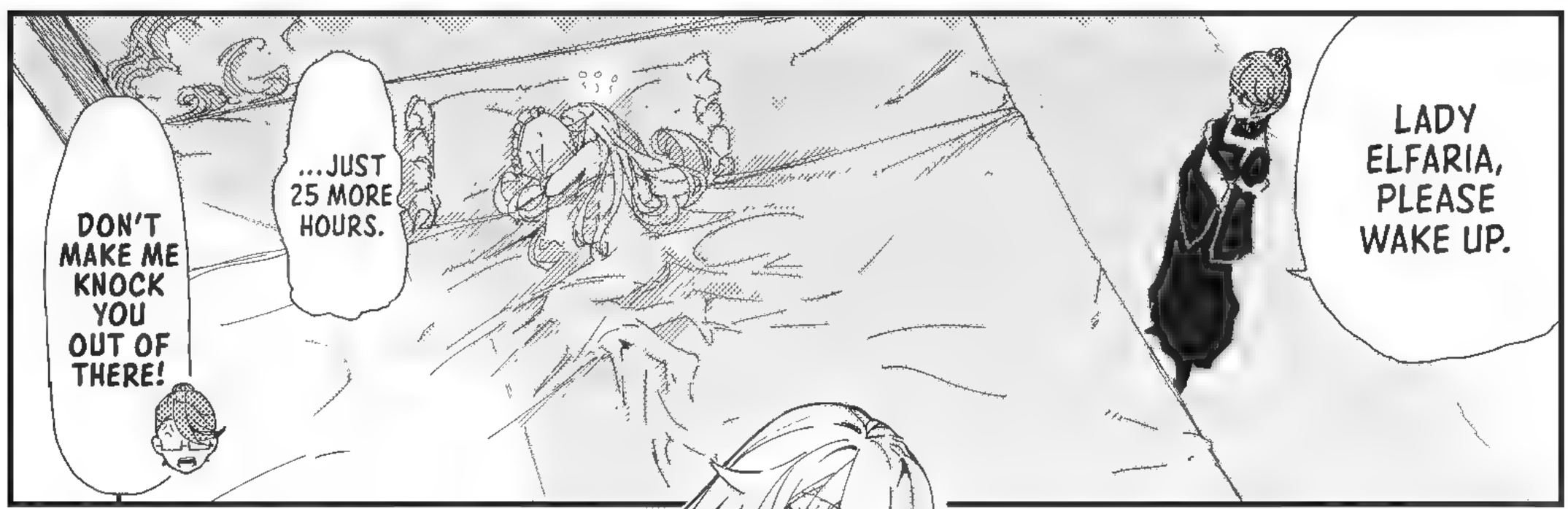
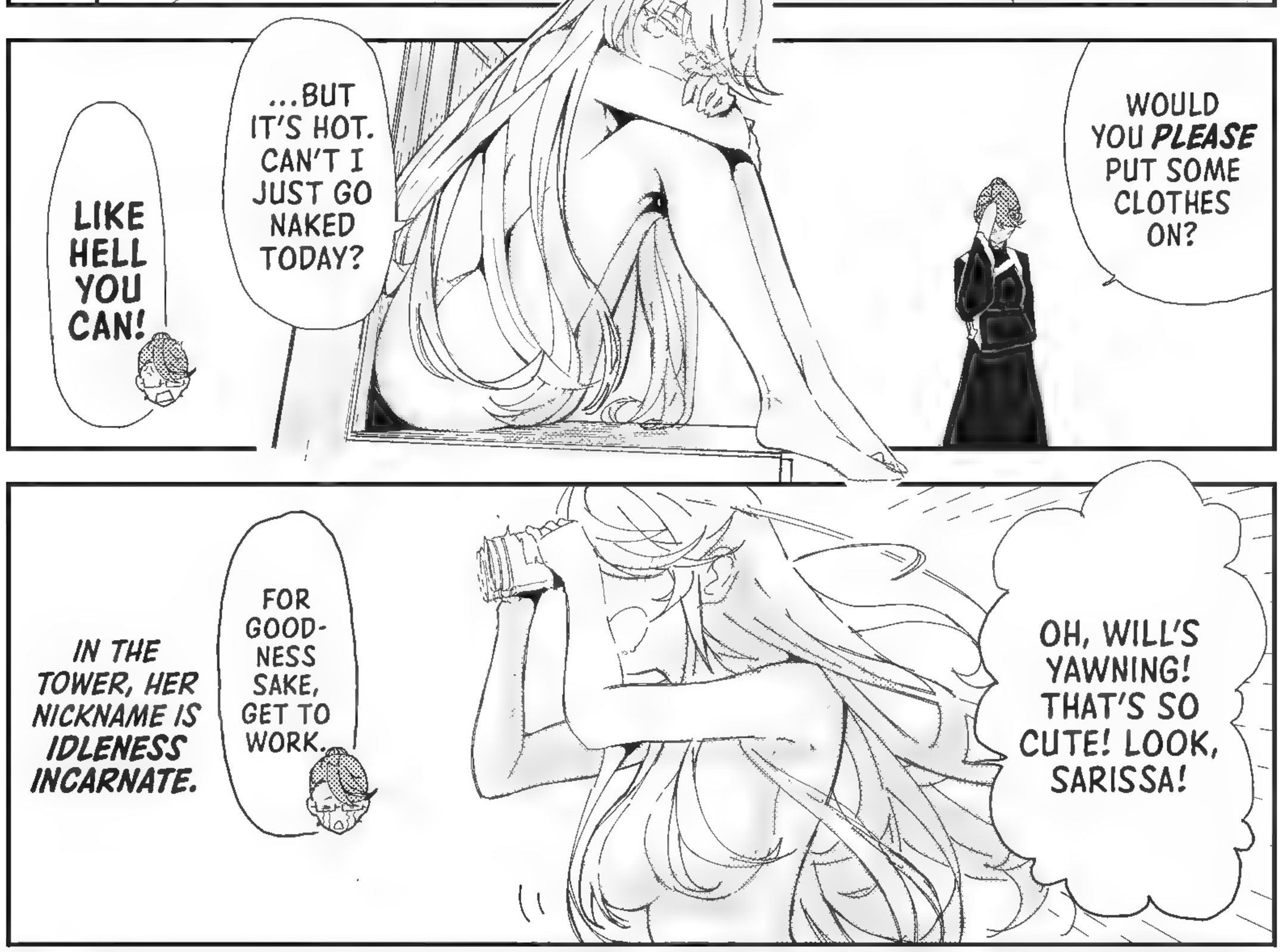
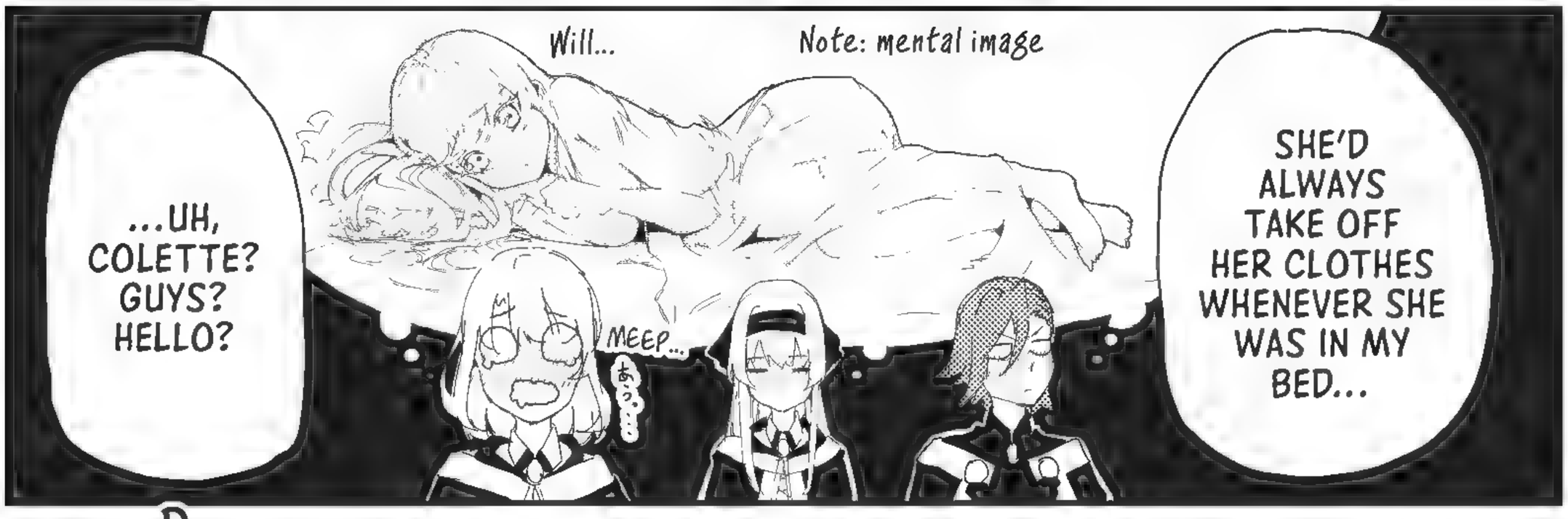
Bonus Manga





That Was Ten Years Ago!



After failing Professor Edward's exam, Will becomes ineligible to ascend the Tower. Will falls into despair, even as the rest of the students prepare to usher in a new school year at the Terminalia. Just then...

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EDWARD SERFENCE

Race: Lyzance
Age: 26
Height: 5'9"

Birthday: 22nd of Roemoon
(August 22nd, in our world)

Likes: Coffee so black that it may as well be concentrated darkness

Dislikes: Clairie's "killer" cooking

First (magical spell) love: Dark Deathzone—Arnade Darnatia

Lowest dungeon floor reached: 33rd

Equipment: Darkviper Wand

Skills: All darkness magic, including the highest-level spells

An ascendant who made it to the top of the Tower, earning the qualification to become a Magia Vander, before being defeated by another candidate. He now works as a professor at Regarden Magical Academy, where he teaches Dark Magic and History and Origins of Magic. Ten years ago, he was one of a group of problem children who enlisted to fight in the Great War despite still being students.

WORKNER NORGRAM

Race: Lyzance
Age: 26
Height: 5'10"

Birthday: 25th of Ellsmoon
(December 25th, in our world)

Likes: · Magizoology fieldwork
· Food so spicy it brings tears to your eyes
· Vanilla ice-cream to soothe his tongue

Dislikes: Cooking battles between Clairie and Eliza

First (dragon) love: Demon Dragon Fafnir

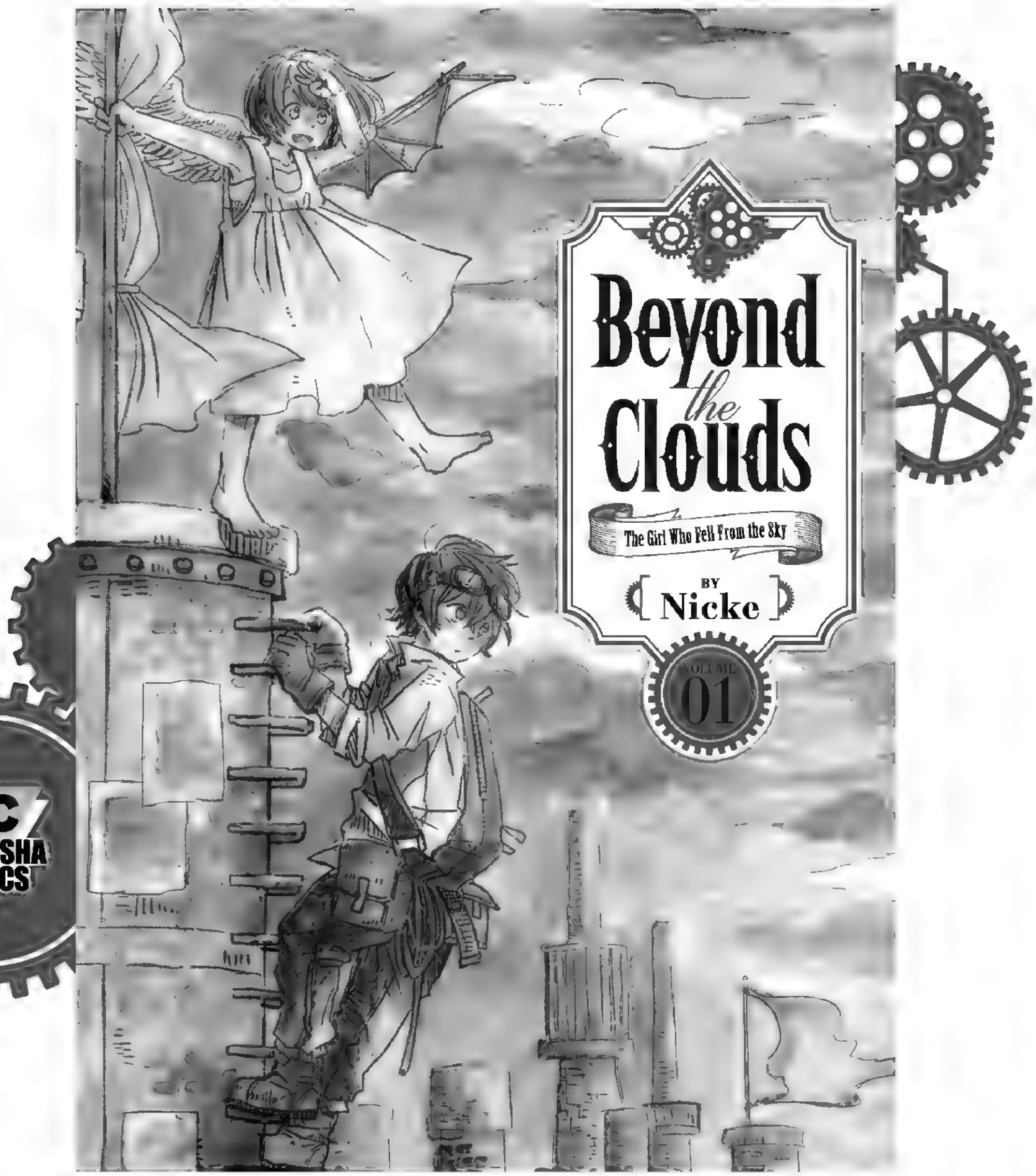
Lowest dungeon floor reached: 31st

Equipment: · Ashwind Wand
· Crystal for monitoring Will

Skills: · All wind magic
· Dragon's Pulse

Professor of Magizoology. As one of the few people who understands Will, he always worries when Will pushes himself too hard. Though he tends to show his love for his students by being strict with them, this has made him an object of terror at the academy. He has earned various nicknames, including "Remedial Teacher from Hell," "Four-Eyed Fiend," "Magical Creature Nut," and "Immortal Workner," and is feared by friend and foe alike.

Young characters and steampunk setting, like *Howl's Moving Castle* and *Battle Angel Alita*



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A boy with a talent for machines and a mysterious girl whose wings he's fixed will take you beyond the clouds! In the tradition of the high-flying, resonant adventure stories of Studio Ghibli comes a gorgeous tale about the longing of young hearts for adventure and friendship!

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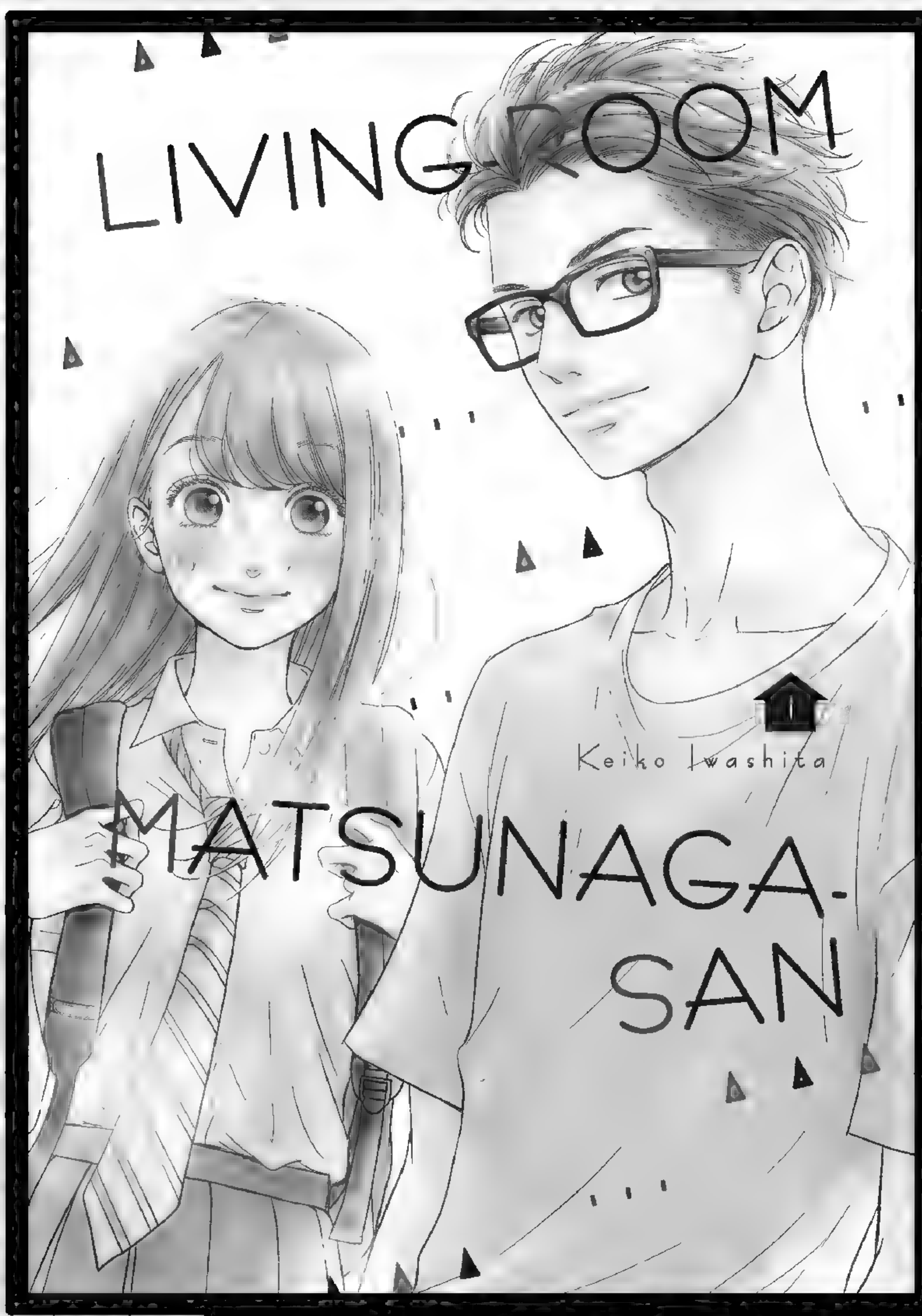
SKATING THRILLS AND ICY CHILLS WITH THIS NEW TINGLY ROMANCE SERIES!

A rom-com on ice, perfect for fans of *Princess Jellyfish* and *Wotakoi*. Kokoro is the talk of the figure-skating world, winning trophies and hearts. But little do they know... he's actually a huge nerd! From the beloved creator of *You're My Pet* (*Tramps Like Us*).

Chitose is a serious young woman, working for the health magazine *SASSO*. Or at least, she would be, if she wasn't constantly getting distracted by her childhood friend, international figure skating star Kokoro Kijinami! In the public eye and on the ice, Kokoro is a gallant, flawless knight, but behind his glittery costumes and breathtaking spins lies a secret: He's actually a hopelessly romantic otaku, who can only land his quad jumps when Chitose is on hand to recite a spell from his favorite magical girl anime!

A SMART, NEW ROMANTIC COMEDY FOR FANS OF *SHORTCAKE CAKE* AND *TERRACE HOUSE*!



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A romance manga starring high school girl Meeko, who learns to live on her own in a boarding house whose living room is home to the odd (but handsome) Matsunaga-san. She begins to adjust to her new life away from her parents, but Meeko soon learns that no matter how far away from home she is, she's still a young girl at heart — especially when she finds herself falling for Matsunaga-san.

PERFECT WORLD

Rie Aruga

An office party reunites Tsugumi with her high school crush Itsuki. He's realized his dream of becoming an architect, but along the way, he experienced a spinal injury that put him in a wheelchair. Now Tsugumi's rekindled feelings will butt up against prejudices she never considered — and Itsuki will have to decide if he's ready to let someone into his heart...

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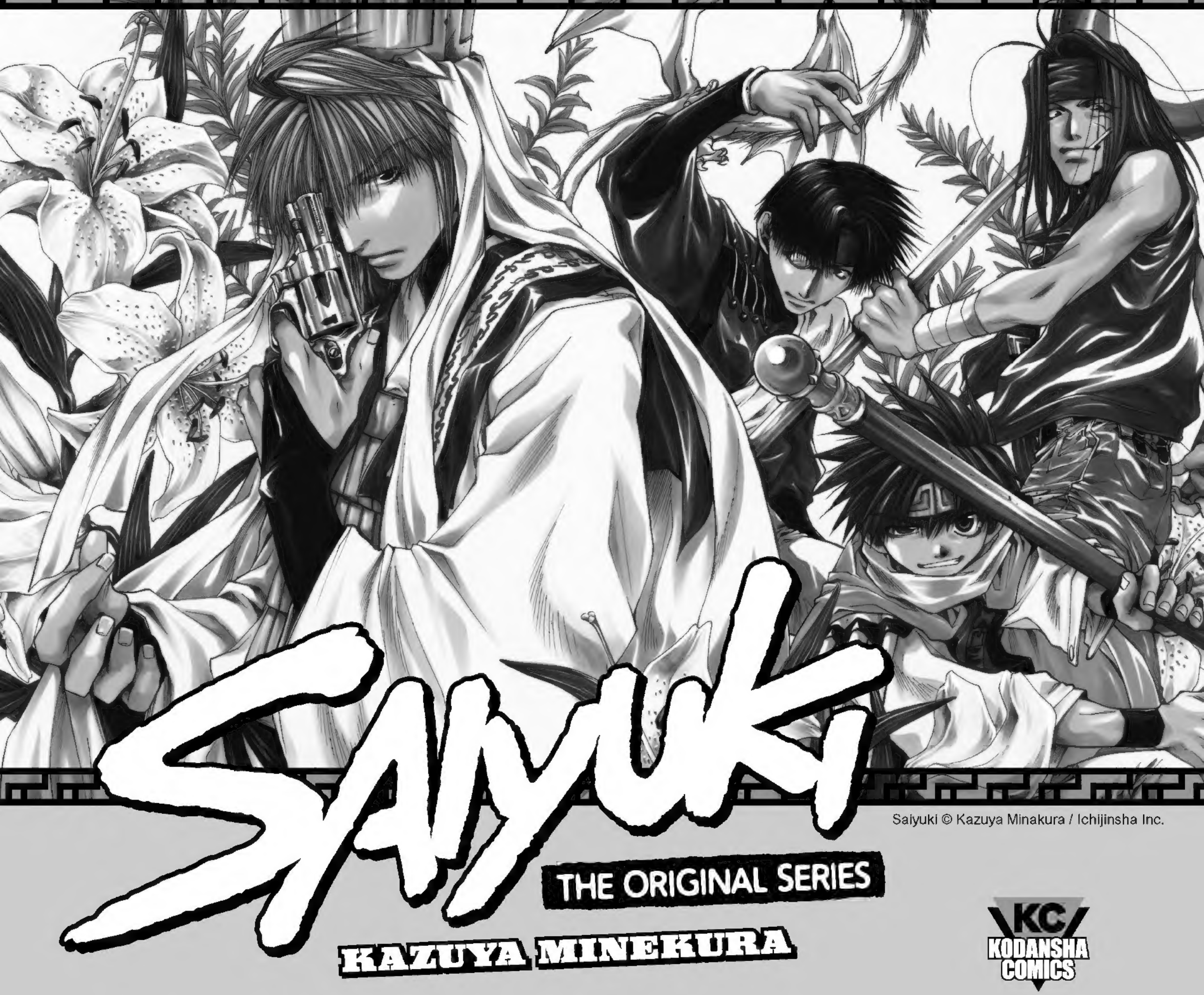
The boys are back, in 400-page hardcovers that are as pretty and badass as they are!



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